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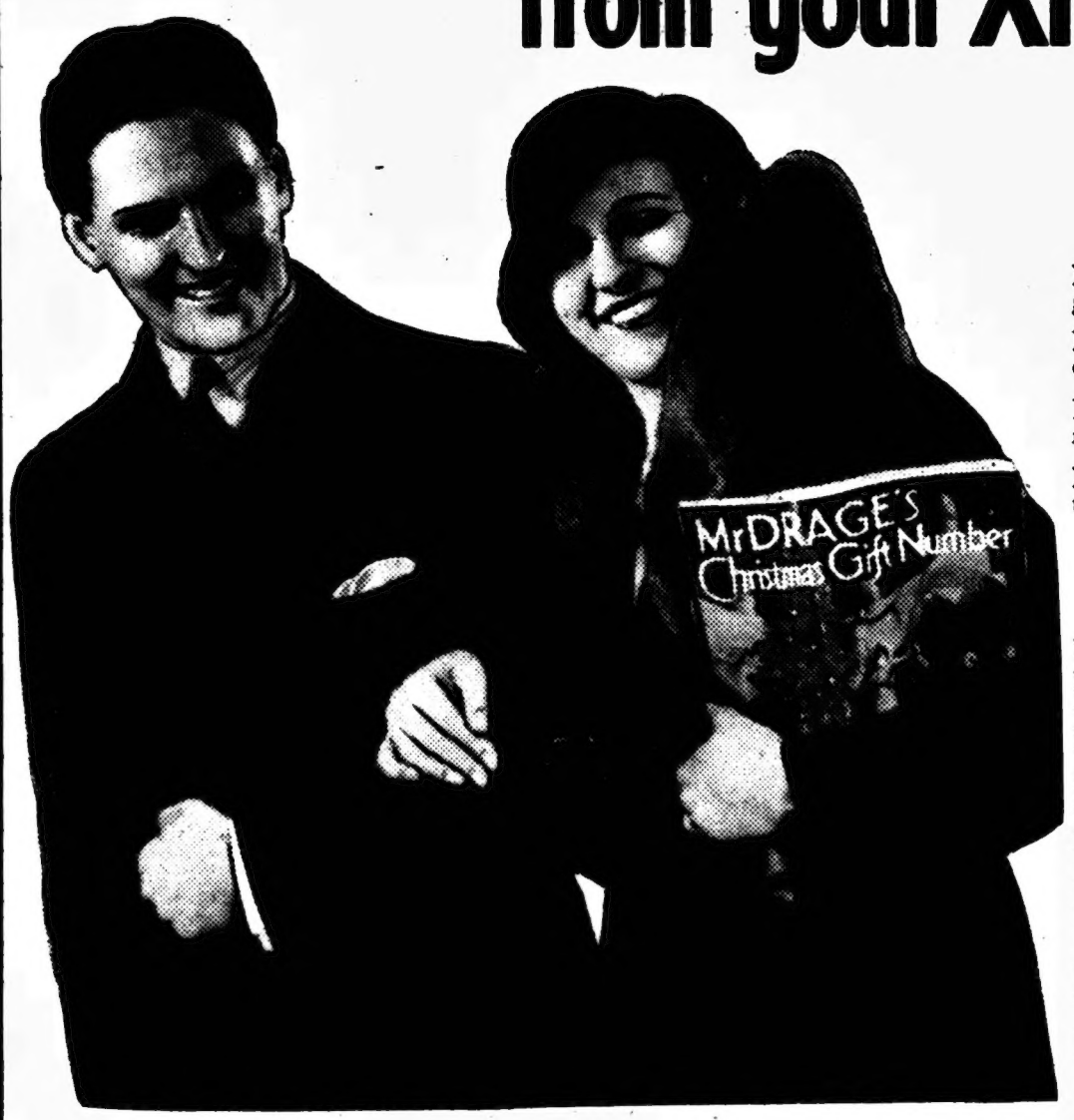

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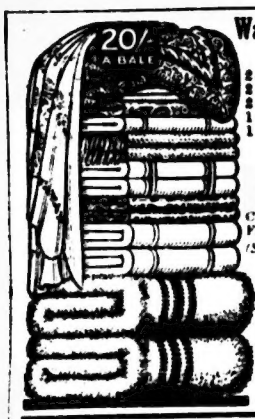

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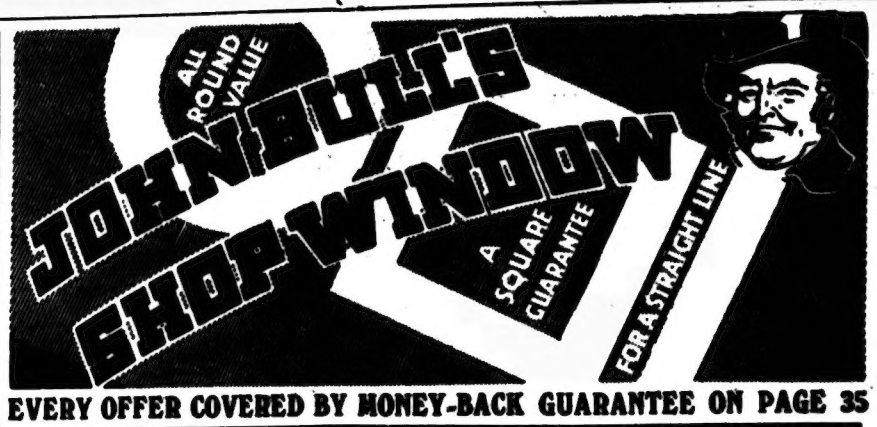

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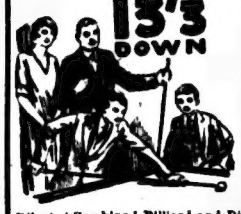

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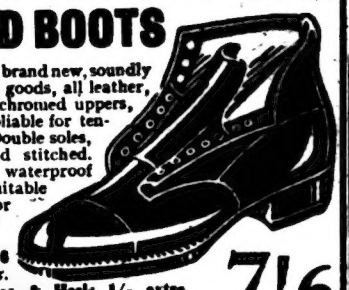

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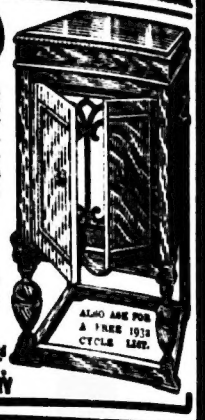

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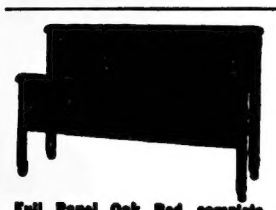

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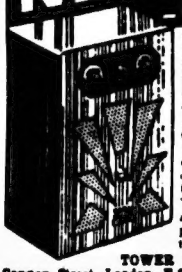

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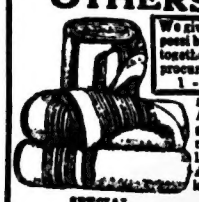

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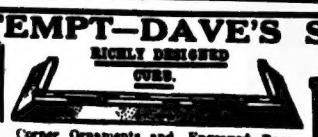

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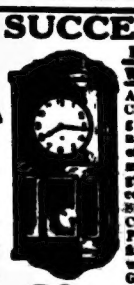

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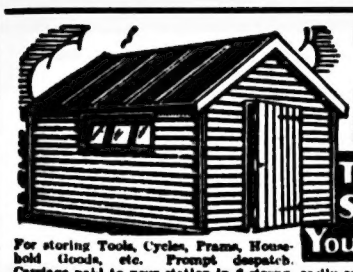

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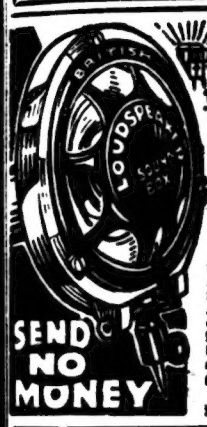

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1 Pair Art. Silk Stockings	

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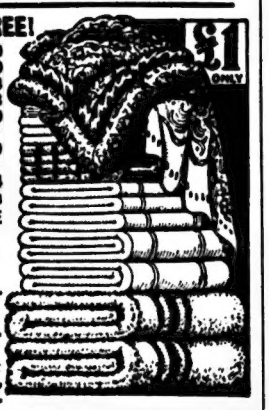

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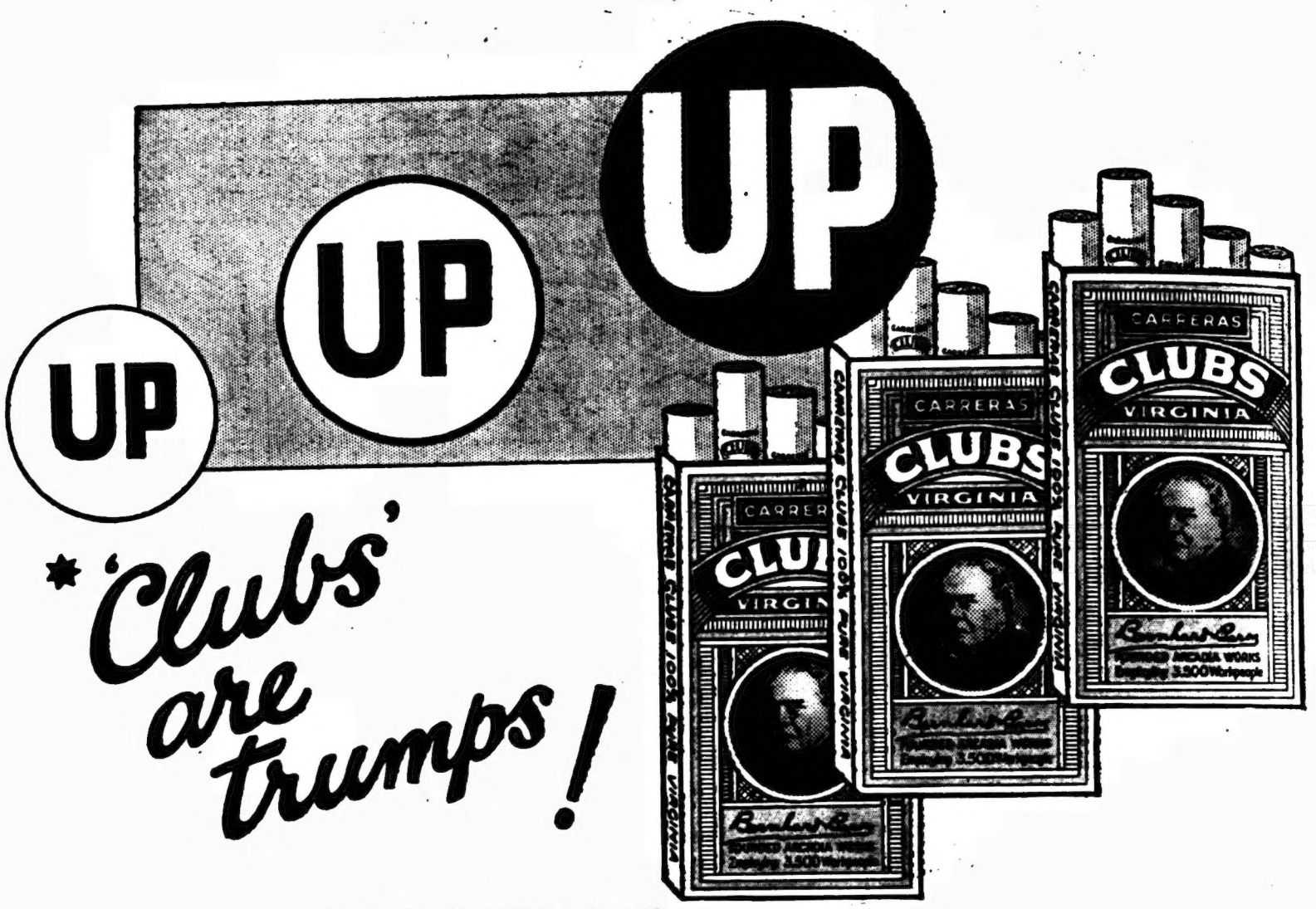

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Sinister Juggling with the £

ALARM is spreading in Government circles at the way in which the great "economy" slogan is being used by all sorts of people as an excuse for cutting down expenses which they can well afford.

Many well-to-do folk, safeguarding their own pockets in the name of patriotism, have been discharging servants and chauffeurs and cutting the wages of other workers. Far from helping the country, they have merely added to the burden of unemployment.

The same type of false economy has been exercised by numerous local authorities, with deplorable results.

Mr. Baldwin's view

One of the first to realise how seriously this misguided and panic search for economy was cutting business was Mr. Stanley Baldwin, and his influence will be all on the side of an official call to the public to keep its spending up to normal as far as its means permit.

The plain truth is that "economy" is being overdone in almost every direction. Never has there been better value than is now offered by the Christmas trade throughout Great Britain, and those who have any money to spare will be making a sound investment by shopping just as usual.

Instalments essential

Mr. A. G. Gardiner, in his striking article on page 9, deals with the whole question of the present extraordinary financial position, and draws attention to the fact that the increasing Income Tax demands are having a dire effect upon Christmas business generally.

There can be no doubt that the instalment system ought to be adopted for the collection of the heavy tax payments due on January the first.

Will he?

Apropos of Income Tax, it seems certain that during the next two or three months great political pressure will be brought to bear on the Chancellor of the Exchequer to reduce the standard rate in his next Budget.

Those who are already beginning to organise this campaign unblushingly confess that they would willing see more extensive "cuts" made in the expenditure on social services to achieve their object.

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The slogan will be: "Lower Income Tax—at whatever cost." But if the burden of extra sacrifice is lifted from Income Tax payers alone, without lightening the burden of the working man's indirect taxation also, there will be bitter resentment in the country—and quite rightly.

A shameful trade

While maternal mortality is increasing, and motherhood is becoming one of the most dangerous occupations in the country, something should be done to stop unauthorised persons from acting as midwives.

The regulations of the Central Midwives Board are strong enough generally, but there are weak links in the system.

Cases are being discovered where midwives who have been struck off the rolls for professional misconduct which has led to their being sent to prison are turning their houses into private nursing homes.

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They take in only one patient at a time, but if complications ensue the patient finds that the midwife cannot call in a doctor, for that would disclose her secret illegal practice.

Even worse cases have come to our knowledge of unauthorised midwives who have offered their services to unmarried mothers at a reduced fee and then blackmailed them.

Lost millions

Sir John Ferguson, M.P., wishes to see the public safeguarded against investing money in risky foreign loans.

Big protector for the small investor

It is a pity the Chancellor of the Exchequer did not give more consideration to the suggestion that before such loans are floated they should be scrutinised by an expert committee on which the Board of Trade would be represented.

The idea should be extended to home industrial issues. If the public issues of the past few years had been put to the test of official scrutiny tens of millions of pounds would have been saved to small investors.

Canny

The Prime Minister did a very astute thing when he selected Mr. Runciman as President of the Board of Trade.

In spite of some of his recent speeches, Mr. Runciman is still a Free Trader at heart, and he knows too much about industry to be guided by the Page-Croft Tories, who want tariffs to be put on everything we import.

The Protectionists are furious at being held in check by a Liberal Minister. But Mr. Runciman is unperturbed. He has powerful support in the Cabinet, and the National Government cannot afford to force its Liberal Ministers to resign.

Stop it!

The recent violent fluctuations in the Exchange value of the £, we have reason to believe, are due to unscrupulous international financiers who are taking advantage of Britain's present crisis to line their own pockets.

This is not only injurious to the country as a whole, but is a definite hindrance to the traders who are carrying on under great difficulties.

This gambling should be stopped by Treasury action. It could be done by closer attention to the present regulations imposed by the Government.

He should do it

The Minister of Agriculture talks plaintively of the need for agricultural reorganisation, but he is making no attempt to operate Dr. Addison's useful Agricultural Marketing Act.

Sir John Gilmour vainly waits for producers to improve the marketing of their goods. But under this Act he can himself appoint Marketing Organisation Commissions to prepare schemes for the better marketing of such agricultural products as he may select.

Why does he not do this instead of wringing his hands at the apathy of others?

A costly business

After twenty-eight meetings, the Select Committee on the Procedure of Public Business decided last October that it was not possible to complete its inquiry.

Yet the Committee's report has just been published as a Blue Book of nearly 500 pages at a cost of £500, to which must be added a further £156 13s. 2d. in respect of shorthand notes.

A glaring example of official waste.

Dear money

The Midland Bank, whose Chairman, Mr. Reginald McKenna, has long been known as one of the most enterprising of bankers, has now added its voice to that of industry in demanding an early reduction of the Bank Rate.

"Enterprising"

The 6 per cent. Bank Rate means that industry is forced to pay high interest rates merely in order that we can continue to attract foreign money here.

We don't want foreign money! It has caused us more trouble than good in the past.

There is plenty of British capital available for our industrial developments, and British industry should be given the opportunity to get it at a reasonable rate.

Letting off steam

A procession of unemployed in Oxford Street, London, was escorted by hundreds of foot and mounted police, though many of the marchers were women carrying babies.

Lord Trenchard's ban on meetings outside labour exchanges has already resulted in trouble.

We trust he will remember that these demonstrations often act as safety-valves, and will accordingly temper firmness with discretion.

British sugar

The Government has decided not to extend the beet sugar subsidy, which allows both the farmers and the factories to make a profit on home-grown sugar at the taxpayer's expense.

The alternative scheme now being considered will provide protection for British beet sugar in the form of exemption from excise duty.

In this way it is hoped to give adequate assistance to the farmer, while compelling the factories, which are largely in Dutch hands, to operate strictly on a commercial basis.

The wrong spirit

The Minister of Labour must keep very closely under review the regulations whereby married women and others are having their insurance benefits disallowed.

There is a danger that in some areas the spirit and intention of the Anomalies Act may be misinterpreted.

It was never intended that there should be discrimination against married women *as such*. But that is certainly possible under the ambiguously worded regulations.

Clubs for workless

In many badly hit industrial centres clubs are being formed for unemployed men and youths. Games are provided as well as reading-rooms, and in some cases there are free classes in handicrafts.

That the unemployed welcome the scheme is shown by the zest they devote to the work of the clubs, which deserve official encouragement.

Why not allow the use of territorial drill halls and some of the empty public rooms for this excellent purpose?

Leading the world

Britain still supplies the world in one respect.

Every week prize Hereford and shorthorn cattle are sent to the arid lands of South Africa and the Argentine to form the nucleus of great herds.

English-bred cattle are the best in the world, and pioneers who are attempting to raise a great herd on the dry uplands of Kenya have sent home for British cattle to aid them in the effort.

Park morals

Thanks to the police clean-up, Hyde Park is becoming much more respectable.

Courting couples, whose right to sit for a quiet hour beneath the trees was warmly championed by "Jix" and George Lansbury when they were in office, are no longer spied on by too zealous officials or threatened by blackmailers who pose as plain-clothes policemen.

Women can walk in the Park without being insulted, and men are not importuned as they were once.

The new lighting system may have something to do with the change.

"If You See It—" *(continued)*

Not Cricket

Complaints have been made at Gateshead of applicants for the headships of schools canvassing members of the local education committee.

Though this unfair practice is not general, it is by no means confined to Gateshead.

Teachers who rely on favouritism to secure promotion lower the dignity of their profession and prejudice their colleagues. The Ministry of Education should see that such methods are stamped out.

Sir Donald Maclean, Education Minister

Will he act?

At the Prime Minister's request details of many cases of hardship under the Rent Restriction Act have been sent to him from Glasgow.

One unemployed man summoned for arrears of rent paid all but 4s. of the debt before the case was due to be heard. Nevertheless, he was ordered to pay court expenses. Unable to do so, all his household effects were seized and sold.

With his family now homeless and penniless, he still owes £1 16s. in respect of a debt which has been paid.

Some amendment of an Act which permits such injustice is an urgent necessity.

Modern Bumbles

An unemployed man, William Smith, has been sent to prison for seven days at Dulverton, near Minehead, because he refused to do the task set for him at the Poor Law Institution, where his complaint that there was no sugar in his thick cocoa was ignored.

Other "casuals" have previously complained about the cocoa, and protests regarding their treatment have been made to the Government inspector.

Besides sugar for cocoa the Dulverton authorities require a little of the milk of human kindness for life's unfortunates.

The meanest yet

One of the most heartless types of theft imaginable is at present being carried on all over the country.

Many men and boys are in the habit of going to the unemployment exchanges on bicycles which they leave outside while they "sign on." When they come out the bicycles have gone.

While urging the police to greater vigilance at these centres, we counsel the bicycle owners to arrange a method of guarding their machines.

Hanging

The case of the Oxford murderer, Seymour, has again aroused interest in the subject of capital punishment.

Very often what happens on the scaffold on the fatal morning remains a mystery. Coroners' juries are unable to fathom the truth.

When a man was hanged in Quebec the other day the executioner was called to account for "a very bad job." It was sixteen minutes before the condemned man died. Many experts believe, however, that hanging is still the most humane form of execution.

Too old at thirty

Barnet Council is to be congratulated on the wisdom of its second thoughts.

After instructing the surveyor not to engage men over thirty years of age, it has now agreed that suitable ex-Service men shall be excepted.

It would have been a scandal if men, who a few years ago were not considered too old to die, should at present be thought too old to live.

Footpad's escape

Fifteen months' hard labour is not too long a sentence for a rascal like Robert Getty, a Liverpool ship's steward, who was charged with stealing handbags from women.

One of his victims sustained two black eyes as the result of his brutal attack, while another, who had just recovered from an operation, had to undergo further medical treatment.

Mr. Justice Finlay said that Getty was fortunate in being found guilty in only one case. If there had been a second he would have been flogged. Under the circumstances we marvel at his escaping so lightly.

Brave youngsters

When the infant brother of four-year-old Doreen Wilson, of Newcastle-on-Tyne, set his clothes on fire, Doreen tried to extinguish the flames by wraping her jersey around him.

The same presence of mind was shown by the nine-year-old brother of a little Welsh girl when a similar accident occurred.

So many instances of child heroism come to our notice that we suggest a special fund should be established to provide suitable recognition of these plucky deeds.

Conference mania

While Newcastle Public Assistance Committee discussed a proposal to reduce relief rates by 9d. a week to the level of the new dole rates, four members of the City Council and four officials went to Blackpool to attend the National Housing and Town Planning Conference—at a cost of £80.

Why Newcastle should want eight representatives at a conference which could have been covered by two is beyond comprehension. There are other deputations on which money is being wasted. The axe should fall on them as well as on the food of the poor.

Round the clock

When William Barnes, a Bacup motor-driver, was fined £1 at Bury for a road offence, it was stated that he often worked the clock round and was on duty for sixty to seventy hours a week.

The police revealed that a charge was under consideration against his employers for allowing him to work excessive hours.

We hope that it is proceeded with. This flagrant disregard of the law and public safety must be dealt with sharply.

The golden key

The Mayor of Dover recently opened the town's new fire station with a golden key, which will doubtless be consigned to some cabinet of curios.

We do not know how much this senseless gew-gaw will cost the ratepayers, but the Mayor would have done well to remember the example set by Prince George in this matter.

The golden key fetish has been worshipped for too long.

Lost wages

We have frequently urged that the wages of workers should be protected by law against the possible insolvency of their employers.

At Carmarthen, application has just been made for the winding-up of a Llanelly transport company. Among the creditors are fourteen drivers and conductors, whose wages claim amounts to £182.

Employers should be compelled to insure their workers' wages.

A mean mother

The mother who deliberately retards her child's physical development for her own financial profit is the most despicable of creatures.

A Swansea woman who received free milk for her baby from the Corporation's Maternity and Welfare committee sold it for her own personal gain.

The monstrous point about this type of offence is that it does not form the basis for a criminal prosecution.

A fine record

The Boot and Distress Fund, organised by the Shrewsbury Police Force for children and necessitous wayfarers distributed over 1,000 pairs of shoes, 200 pairs of stockings, and innumerable articles of clothing.

A notable example of the generosity and kindness of the British policeman.

Well done, Robert!

The old game

A rogue with a plausible tongue and engaging manners is extracting money from charitable householders and tradesmen in Cardiff.

By appealing for Christmas donations for local institutions, including the Cardiff Royal Infirmary, he is using a favourite wile of the trickster.

Readers should remember that *bona fide* collectors for hospitals can produce unassailable credentials. All others should be ignored.

Greater friendship—

Two men were working at a Bolt quarry when a crane lifting a four-t rock became fouled and its huge lo fell.

One of the men, John Dogher pushed his friend out of danger a received the full force of the ro himself, dying later from his injuri

Though nothing can compensate tragic a bereavement, we hope that t memory of Dogherty's heroism w soften the grief of his widow and young children.

Hold hard, Howard!

Cross-word competitors, be on yo guard against "James Howard"! a circular broadcast from 6, Condu Street, London, W.1, he offers "A vance Information" and conveys t impression that he knows the solutio to a Sunday newspaper's cross-wo before the puzzle has even been pu lished.

No honest man would make su statements—and no wise competit will supply the 2s. 6d. which "Jam Howard" modestly asks for a £2 solution.

No excuse

A Wallasey woman, Eleanor Mitche has been fined £5 for obtaining rel by false pretences.

Since 1929 she has drawn more th £127 from the local authorities, a although she had obtained £76 fr her husband under a maintenan order she repeatedly denied receivi anything from him.

It is this mean type of fraud th discredits genuine applicants.

Bucketeers

We have previously drawn attenti to the bucket-shop firm of W. H. Be son and Co., Ltd., of Berners Stre London, W., who are now boosting t benefits of dealing in certain reputab industrial shares through their agen

They generously offer a profit of least a shilling on each share tak up and the return of the amount i vested "whatever happens." As showed, however, one reader lost £ through his dealings with this firm.

Speculations in stocks and shar should be made through banks brokers on the Stock Exchange. "G rich quick" touts should be shunned.

No swimming

Three public swimming baths Manchester are to be closed during t winter as an economy measur although the chairman of the Bat Committee pointed out that this wou be detrimental to the city's health.

At one bath the receipts did not p the wages of the attendant, it w stated. If the council improved t dressing and heating arrangements t baths might become a profitable bu ness.

Sleepy J.P.s

At Abertillery recently a miner a a bookmaker were charged with be ting offences. In four days, the poli stated, the men's premises were visit by 133 children in addition to men a women. Fines of a few pounds we imposed.

We emphatically urge magistrates inflict heavier punishment on su offenders. Accepting bets from childr deserves imprisonment without t option of a fine.

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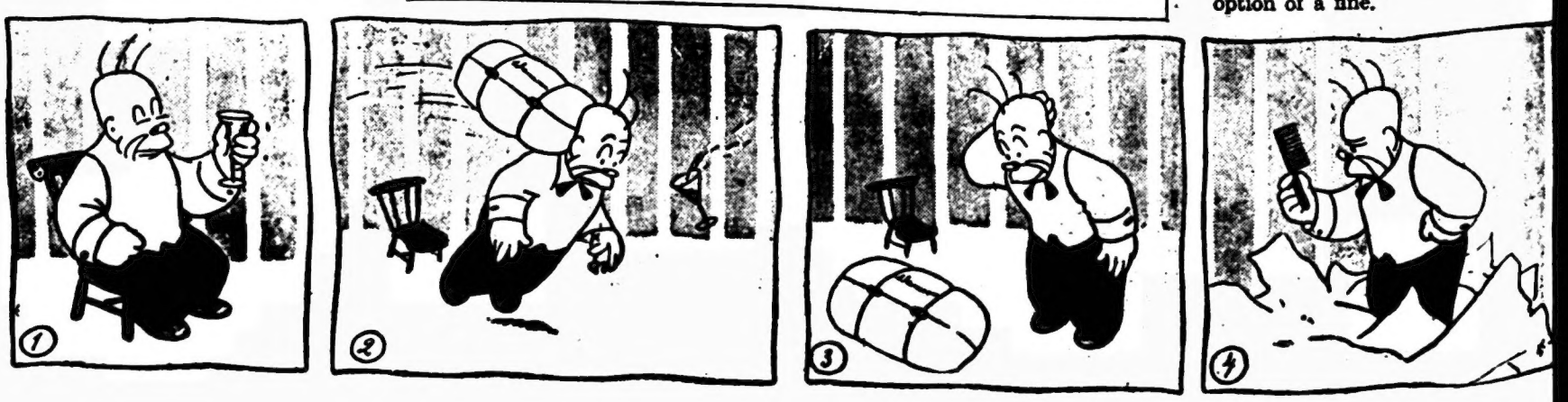

FOR ADULTS ONLY!

by LORD GORELL

LORD GORELL, author and publisher, is President of the Royal Society of Teachers and has been closely connected with the theatre and the kinema for the past ten years.

IT has been said that every country gets the Government it deserves—and that has seemed to all of us at times a very severe saying. But is another thing true? Do people get the plays, films and literature they deserve? If they do, it hardly seems possible to deny that this country is in a pretty bad way at the present time.

Not so very long ago—before, at all events, the film industry had ever been thought of—there were to writers both of plays and of books many topics and slices of life which were for all practical purposes *taboo*.

The Elizabethans were no doubt exceedingly frank, but just as children are, quite simply and naturally. No one discussed sex in all its manifestations and no one wrote or displayed what belongs primarily to the duties of a lady's maid or an obstetric surgeon. Babies were still "laid by storks in gooseberry bushes."

Our Victorian forebears undoubtedly carried prudery to a fine art, with the inevitable result that a reaction set in; Talk became general of the "conspiracy of silence," and—just to show its youth and independence—the rising generation went out of its way to tear down the veils of reticence from everything. The pendulum has swung violently to the other extreme, and look at the result!

Frankly, it is rather appalling. In every direction the public taste is being steadily vulgarised. To a great artist freedom is invaluable, but what chance would a great artist have to-day? He would not be listened to because he knows the vast difference between freedom and licence—and it is licence which has got itself on to the hoardings now.

"For Adults Only!" Can one imagine anybody taking his work seriously, anybody having anything really worth while to say or to show, relying upon the words to attract attention!

They have been placarded so often of late that already they are beginning to lose their drawing-power, and presently I suppose we shall see something more titillating, something with a still more salacious suggestion.

And so it goes on. The films began it, and now it has spread to what is called, ironically enough, the "legitimate" stage. "Illegitimate" would be a much more fitting word for most plays; they would be Hamlets without the Prince of Denmark if there were no such thing to make sport with.

The parts he plays are a challenge to the "death, disease, dirt" mentality in the theatre — Sir Nigel Playfair

THE trouble is that when once a man starts offering wares to the public by advertising that their principal appeal is sexual appetite, he is compelled to go on adding to the nastiness of the bait. "For Adults Only" becomes stale and weak; the next step is to hang up suggestive photographs, as was done over "The Life Machine."

But a film can naturally beat a play in the matter of photographs any day. Appeal to the pruriency of mankind somehow—what a basis on which to hang great industries! What a degradation for the drama, after all its glorious history! What an infamy for the film! All this has come about, it seems to me, not merely because of the reaction against Victorian prudery, but because of the advent and competition of the films. "Things seen are mightier than things heard," wrote Tennyson; the film appealed to the eye as the play could not hope to do.

And the film was new, crude and in curious keeping; it was vulgarised from the start, and is only now striving in places for better things. The influence of Hollywood, tales of the divorces, extravagances and absurdities of life there were very persistent. And then came "the talkies," giving the world in one "things seen and things heard."

But what of the Censor? I remember my father coming home one night after presiding over a sitting of the Censorship Committee before the war, and telling us that W. S. Gilbert, who had been giving evidence, had put the whole thing in a nutshell with his characteristic wit.

"Any novelist," said Gilbert, "can write in a book without giving the slightest offence to any reader. 'Eliza then undressed and got into her bath'—but you can't put that on the stage." Had he lived till now, he would have had to revise his sentence.

There are many plays which depend for their attraction upon the bedroom scene, each more daring than the last; there are many films where the heroine is seen *almost* undressed—just another garment or two to come off and she will be, quite—*in* her bath. Only her head is visible, but perhaps she will stand up. Anyway, there is always the expectation that the next film of the kind will be just a little bit more daring.

DO the producers realise the lowering of the public taste by all this sort of thing? And, if they realise it, do they care?

The Censor has little real power. Banned plays are often less nasty than the unbanned, and in any case, they can always be seen on a Sunday night—ye gods, what a comic thing Man is!

Further, there is no Censor of films beyond what the trade itself permits. A play banned by Lord Cromer could be turned into a talkie and seen and heard *verbatim*, provided only that it was not so very gross as to offend against the common law of the land; and to do that it has to be very gross indeed.

"It ain't so much the things 'e ses, as the nasty way 'e ses 'em"—it is easy enough, if one is set on it, to give the desired twist even to the apparently innocuous.

Our showmen seem for the most part—with a few honourable exceptions—to have got it rooted in their minds that there is no public except the prurient.

A theatrical producer recently remarked to me, "I'm sorry to have to say it, but there are only three things the public are interested in—dirt, death, and disease, and that's what we've got to give them."

WE were discussing a play in manuscript in which there was a passing reference to a girl who had been betrayed. "We must bring her on somehow," he said; "the audience must see her."

Disgusting, I call it; there is no other word. And, as I firmly believe, utterly false.

I refuse to think that the English public is anything like so vulgar and so obsessed with the nastiness of sex as so many of our showmen insist that it is.

Whenever anything clean and good is shown, people flock to it. Sir Nigel Playfair's successes prove it.

No, this orgy of pornography is not the fault of the great mass of the public—it is their misfortune.

Surely, surely, it is high time it came to an end.

That can only come about in one way: as long as nastiness is commercially profitable it will thrive; the moment it is shown to empty seats it will wither away.

In the end, the public is the umpire. "How's that?" "Out—obviously out! Yards out of his ground!"

And so to the next, and a better, batsman!

—And a Good Judge, too

Mr. Justice W. FINLAY, K.B.E.,
Great Bedwyn, Wilts

MY LORD, The arm of coincidence, longer even than the arm of the law itself, stretched out last week to place before you in the Manchester Assize Court two men, each of whom elected to plead guilty to a charge of murder.

I have nothing but admiration for the simple, direct and serious way in which you put before these two men the full significance and the inevitable consequence of their unusual plea.

They were sane men and pronounced fit to plead. You must have known from the depositions already before you that the usual "Not guilty" plea could not have saved them. And you pronounced sentence as in duty bound.

I have no sympathy, my Lord, with the sentimentalists who protest against the acceptance of pleas of guilty in cases such as these. I am not sure that murder is, morally, the worst crime in the calendar and I am even less sure that death is the worst of all possible punishments.

Quite apart from the public expense, the sentimentalists overlook the average guilty man's horror and detestation of a long-drawn-out trial with its inevitable result.

More terrible than the case of the man who admits his crime is that of the guilty criminal who struts and poses to the bitter end, the dock his sordid stage.

JOHN BULL.

Rt. Hon. Sir KINGSLEY WOOD,
Postmaster-General, G.P.O.

DEAR P.M.-G.—Are you not carrying things too far in prosecuting a man for having a wireless aerial when he had not a receiving set?

Since a certain type of spring mattress may be used as an aerial, who may lie in bed now without wondering whether he is liable to prosecution?

Surely a licence should be paid only on a complete and effective set. After all, an aerial may be used for nothing more taxable than a clothes-line.

JOHN BULL.

Mr. Justice HUMPHREYS,
The Old Bailey, London

MY LORD,—In deploring the fact that although many people charged with criminal offences are really medical cases there is no State-aided home to which they may be sent, you have drawn attention to a grave omission in our treatment of crime.

The man appearing before you was a chronic epileptic who had killed his wife. Mercifully, you sentenced him to six months in the second division so that he might have first-class medical attention, and directed that efforts should be made to find a suitable home for him upon his release.

Such unfortunates must be protected against their own unbalanced actions. It is monstrous that persons who have committed serious crimes while suffering from chronic mental ailments are released to become a fresh danger to the public.

JOHN BULL.

Not from the B.B.C.

George Bernard Shaw

sings of—

YOU'VE heard of Shaw the Fabian,
The mighty man of Marx,
Likewise of many another Shaw;
The speaker with unflagging jaw,
The jester full of larks,
The Bernard who's a Socialist,
The Shaw with cash to spare;
And then there is that other G.
B. S. (with accent on the B——)
Who taught the stage to swear.

The playboy of the western world,
The playwright of his age,
The Shaw who gives the Censor shocks,
The witty prince of paradox,
The showman and the sage—
Famous as all these things and as
A vegetarian,
There's still another G. B. S.
Anent whose triumphs few can guess,
Come—meet this Superman!

Why I am wasting time addressing you I cannot imagine, for there are few things more devastating than the stupidity of an English audience. I have, however, consented to talk of the sensational Bernard Shaw biography, written by Frank Harris and corrected by me, which has given the Press a rush of hysteria to the headlines.

I feel flattered to think that at my time of life I am still capable of making the critics splutter. I thought I had just about exhausted my power of shocking them; but, apparently, there is no limit to Fleet Street's capacity for behaving like a mid-Victorian spinster.

Most of the fuss seems to have been caused by some remarks of mine regarding my early love affairs. The idea of a vegetarian having love affairs has offended all the preconceived notions of barbarians who feed on dead animals.

The reviewers have always thought of me as a sort of Bunthorne whose most reckless adventures never went beyond "an affection *à la Plato* for a bashful young potato or a not *too* French French bean."

So when they read my avowal: "I soon became accustomed to women falling in love with me. I did not need to pursue women: I was pursued by them"—when they read this, with one accord they almost fell into their inkwells.

The trouble, of course, is that the Press has never been able to make up its mind whether I am a national monument or a national calamity. They have dissected me and ticketed me and put me away in a pigeon-hole so often that they hate to see me popping out once again in an entirely new guise to upset their apple-cart of carefully prepared obituaries.

When Barney Went A-wooing

Candid Communications

Rt Hon. W. RUNCIMAN,
President, Board of Trade

DEAR SIR,—I trust you will advise Parliament to agree to the demand of officers of the Merchant Navy for a full enquiry into their conditions of service.

It is alleged that officers in cargo steamers are on duty from 68 to 70 hours weekly. In many cases the men's pay, plus overtime, exceeds the salaries of the officers.

A further grievance is that the officers' federation is not represented on the board which is considering the proposed cuts in pay.

An efficient merchant fleet is essential to our very existence. Fatigued and discontented officers cannot be expected to give of their best.

JOHN BULL.

Councillor H. W. BARBER,
Southport Town Council

DEAR COUNCILLOR,—Despite your opposition, it has been decided to obliterate information relating to racing and betting from all newspapers in Southport public libraries and reading-rooms, although, as you pointed out, people interested in racing have as much right to consult the newspapers as those interested in other sports.

It is this sanctimonious hypocrisy which exposes us to the contempt of the world. There is far too much humbug still rampant in our municipal affairs, and I regret that your spirited attack on local Bumbledom has failed.

JOHN BULL.

Master LEONARD BARRICK,
Allnutts Road, Epping

DEAR LEONARD,—Although you are only five years old, many a full-grown man would envy the splendid courage you showed when a heavy lorry knocked you down in the street and pinned your legs under its wheels.

Your only thought was for the safety of your playmate and your mother's peace of mind. When taken to the hospital you showed the same bravery while your legs were being dressed.

I am delighted to hear that you are making good progress. Good luck, Leonard! You will make a fine man.

JOHN BULL.

GEORGE TAYLOR,
Dymoke Road, Romford

BRUTE,—A wretch of your stamp should never be given charge of any living creature. The other day you treated a sow with almost unbelievable cruelty.

You battered the poor animal upon the snout and head with a heavy stick until blood poured from its face and ears. Then you poked at its eyes in an effort to blind it.

For this the magistrate fined you ten shillings. The pity is that magistrates are not empowered to give creatures of your kind some of their own medicine.

JOHN BULL.

Rev. WELLESLEY ORR,
Kingston-on-Thames

DEAR SIR,—To say that "if every war memorial had been built in the shape of a workman's dwelling-house there would be no slums to-day" ma be an exaggeration, but your appe for less to be spent on the dead an more on the living is a timely one.

You give pitiable instances of mone lavished on funerals and of starve and shivering children carrying cost floral tributes to the graveside.

To squander money in this way a very poor tribute to the memory o those who have passed on.

JOHN BULL.

Sir HERBERT SAMUEL,
Home Secretary

DEAR SIR HERBERT,—I cannot prai the loitering attitude taken up by yo Department on the question of th trade in narcotic drugs.

After bustling the recalcitra nations along for two years at Gene we are now doing our best to spoil th example we set by the present del in ratifying the 1931 Convention.

Your statement that the Dangero Drugs Act requires minor amendment is a poor excuse for holding up a b international measure. The alter tions required in our domestic legisla tion should be put in hand at once.

The Government should lose n further time in consolidating thei efforts to end the ruinous and degrad ing dope traffic. JOHN BULL.

M. MAURICE GRISELLE,
Heavyweight Champion of France

DEAR GRISELLE,—By a magnificen display of pluck in your encounter wit Larry Gains at Leicester you hav brought back to heavy-weight boxin in Europe a spirit that has too lon been absent.

Although terribly battered by th right-handers of the coloured Cana dian, you continued to fight until th contest was stopped by the referee

It is true the verdict went against you, but you have the satisfaction o knowing that the accusation of bein a "horizontal heavy-weight" ca never be hurled at your head.

JOHN BULL.

STRAIGHT *from the Shoulde*

MR. F. J. MARQUIS: "The moder girl has been caught up in a passio for freedom from tradition and con vention."

Yet her main ambition is a tradi tional husband and a traditionall happy home.

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SIR GEORGE PAISH: "We are lookin catastrophe in the face."

We have been looking at him an fighting him for many centuries an yet we are not weary or downhearte

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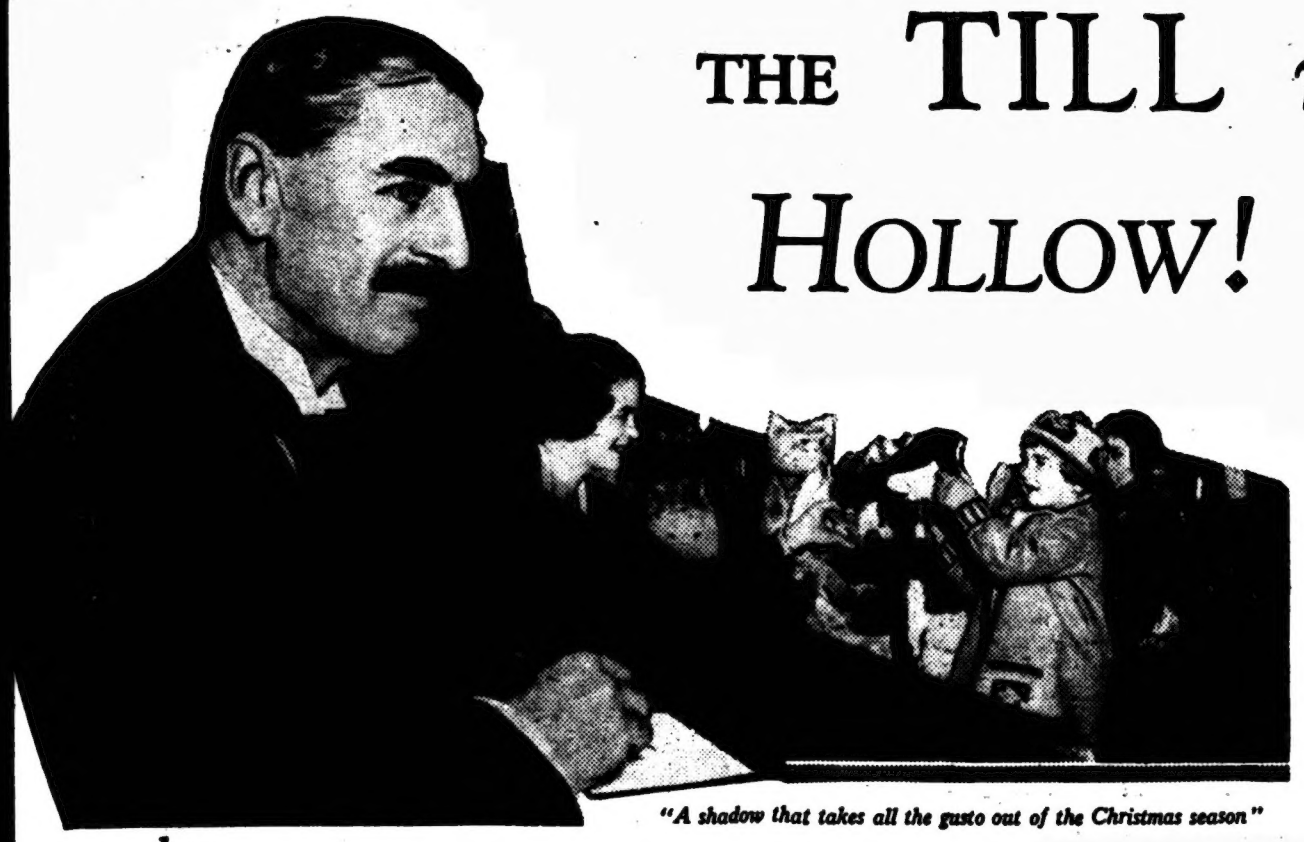
JUDGE CLUER: "I constantly hav women before me who try to talk m down; they never succeed."

Be not puffed up, your Honour. Wh would win if clear of the authority o the Court?

They mus
"do" m
all ove
again,
Nor treat m
as merely
brain,
As they re
with amaz
Of my glob
y o u n
days
When the girl
s i m p l
could no
refrain
From lovin
young Barney who dressed like
tramp
And flaunted the flaming red hair o
a vamp.
No star of the screen or the stage
Such havoc has caused in this age!
The words that I'd utter
Made female hearts flutter,
As since they have made critics rage
For blarney to Barney was ever a joy
And he just can't help being a broth
of a bhoy!

THE TILL *rings* HOLLOW!



"A shadow that takes all the gusto out of the Christmas season"

by

A. G. GARDINER

CHRISTMAS is always haunted by the shadow of January 1st. But that shadow has never been so terrifying as it is to-day.

It was never so terrifying for two asons. Never before was the net of e tax-gatherer spread so wide as it to-day. Never before was it spread th such doubtful prospect of reaping e required harvest.

Take the latter fact first. When the ancial collapse, which began with e crisis of the Credit Anstalt in enna, spread to this country in gust, desperate remedies had to be plied to save our credit.

There was a run on the pound. Con- ence in our stability had gone and ery foreigner who had money here s demanding its repayment in gold. was a question of days, almost of urs, before the crash came, and the was empty.

The one expedient to stem the panic d restore confidence was to balance e Budget. It was done in the nick time—too late to preserve the gold ndard, just soon enough to save the und from inflation and disaster.

I will not pause here to ask why a toriously unsound Budget was pro- ced in April, why priceless months re lost before we faced the facts, r why we were allowed to get to the ink of the precipice before warning s given and action taken.

The great fall

The fact is that the situation was ved and the Budget was balanced. at is to say, it was balanced on per. But will that paper balance be alised? Will the taxes as decreed collected?

It is useless to ignore the anxiety at prevails on this point. I do not ow how wide a margin has been owed for failure to collect, but it is vious that unless the margin is very de indeed the deficiency will be ex- mely grave.

All through the year the tale of the mpany reports has been unchang- . Dividends on ordinary shares ve been reduced or have disappeared ogether. The great staple indus- es like iron, steel, wool, cotton, ship- ilding, have practically ceased to profitable.

Oil, rubber, metals, have all been icken and the companies dependent on these commodities are largely in cold storage. This means that millions and tens of millions of revenue ordinarily subject to taxation will cease to exist.

Nor is this all. There will be a heavy fall in the productiveness of estate duty, due to the catastrophic slump in values. Cases in which the estates of men of great wealth have actually been insufficient, owing to the fall in values, to pay the death duties are not infrequent.

Christmas threatened

The instance of a famous tobacconist and philanthropist who left nominally five millions sterling which, when realised, was not enough to meet even the claims of the State, illustrates what has happened in a lesser degree all round.

Add to all this the fall in salaries, the slump in the earnings of the professional classes, lawyers, doctors, and so on, and the increasing unemployment among the higher paid branches of industry, and it will be apparent that the outlook is extremely grave.

It is from these sources that the main stream of our national revenue flows, and upon these sources will depend whether the Budget is balanced in fact as well as on paper.

Even in the case of the comparatively well-to-do the imminence of January 1st is a shadow that takes all the gusto out of the Christmas season. Their case is aggravated by the fact that not only is the scale of the tax higher, but three-quarters instead of half of the total is immediately payable.

The effect of this upon the Christmas trade has been devastating, for with these enormous burdens to be met ordinary expenditure is out of the question. The strain upon the banks is not the least disquieting feature of the business.

Bank managers are overwhelmed with requests for overdrafts from their clients to meet demands which they are otherwise incapable of meeting.

Obviously there are limits beyond which the banks, already staggering under a load of frozen credits, cannot go without bringing their own position in jeopardy, and it is plain that unless some leniency is exercised in the collection of the tax many small traders and some big ones will go to the wall.

There remains the case of the great mass of the salaried and wage class who come under the operation of the tax. This class has been enormously increased by the lowering of the taxable limit to £100, which has brought a million and a half new taxpayers into the net.

Whether the taxation at this low level is productive is doubtful. It may cost more to collect than it will realise, and it is probable that the extension was made as a gesture rather than as having any substantial bearing on the situation.

But the case of the higher paid wage and salary class, the people who are receiving anything up to £1,000 a year, presents difficulties that must be dealt with.

This class, most of them with children to bring up and many of them struggling to maintain a reasonable standard of life, are peculiarly hard hit by the higher tax, coupled with the three-quarter collection in January.

These people necessarily live near the border line of their income, and have few reserves beyond their insurance and the children's savings certificates.

In many cases the demand notes they have received are the first indication of the crushing sacrifice they are called upon to make.

In hundreds of thousands of modest and self-respecting homes this Christmas is darkened by a problem which is insoluble or only to be solved at the expense of bitter sacrifice by themselves and still more by their children.

Many firms, to their credit, have taken the initiative in this matter and have arranged to pay the tax and deduct it by periodical instalments.

This expedient, if I may digress for a moment, has a bearing on an idea which I have long wished could be put into practice. A tax levied at the source is a tax robbed of some of its harshness.

It is a tax which is levied in a lump long after you have spent the income on which it is levied which is so severe in its operation.

If taxes on wages and salaries could be paid through the business counting house, the taxpayer would be able to adjust his expenditure accordingly and the shadow of January 1st would hang less oppressively over his Christmas.

But this by the way. It is the immediate problem that confronts hosts of people at this moment. Only a small fraction of them are being helped out of their distress by the action of the firms to which I have referred.

What of the rest? We cannot contemplate a campaign of widespread distraint, which would revolt public opinion and arouse a bitterness of feeling that it would be most unwise to evoke.

A thousand tragedies

A suggestion has been made by the *Daily Herald* which seems to me to deserve the serious attention of the Chancellor of the Exchequer. It is that the tax should be payable in six monthly instalments, spread from January to June.

I see the practical difficulties and it would obviously be impossible to extend the system all round.

But if it could be applied to the class of taxpayer I have in mind, accompanied by conditions which would make it profitable to him to pay in full wherever that was possible, it would relieve multitudes of people who are in deep distress of mind and probably save many a small business from going on the rocks.

I hope Mr. Chamberlain will give his earnest consideration to this matter, and will do his utmost to save the country from a plague of minor tragedies.

Prisoners

Homely Wisdom

by CANON R. J. CAMPBELL, D.D.

THIS week I have been having in my home a number of interesting and delightful young people who are full of enthusiasm for what might be called a moral clean-up in the life of every man.

One fine fellow, a man who won the Military Cross in the war, told us that a year ago he was down and out through drunkenness.

He came to the point when there seemed nothing left for him but suicide. His friends had given him up as a bad job, his home life had been broken up, he was bereft of heart and hope.

One old friend had stuck to him, and one only. To this friend he went for a farewell drink—and got it, but on one condition, which was that he should go and make acquaintance with the leader of the group of men mentioned above.

He did so, and a very strange thing happened. Between them they managed somehow to convince him that all his trouble was a delusion, the delusion that the fire that was consuming him was stronger than God. When he had told his tale thus far, he turned to me and said: "I walked out of that room a free man. The drink craving left me that night and has never come back."

There may be some readers of these words who do not like the use of the word God to denote the author of the astonishing change here depicted in one man's life.

Well, use another word if you can find a better. All I am concerned to affirm is that every one of us carries within himself the same undefeatable power that set the planets rolling in their courses, and created that marvellous creature, man.

We are all apt to shut ourselves up in prisons of our own making. A doctor said to me not long ago, about a man who was killing himself with drugs: "That fellow is gradually destroying his will-power, and when that is gone he is lost. Yet there is absolutely nothing the matter with him if only he could be got to believe it and shake himself free."

Can anyone in his sober senses really believe that a tiny pill of opium is stronger than the mighty hand that chiselled out the rocks and built the everlasting hills? We allow ourselves to be fettered by fears, antipathies, bad habits, gloomy thoughts and depression of mind. None of these has power to bind and hold us for a moment if we throw ourselves upon that higher power that knows neither lack nor limit.

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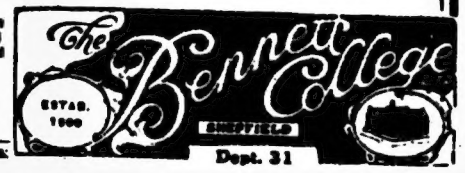

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Staggering ASYLUM SCANDAL

IN this narrative will be found an exposure of a series of acts of frightful tyranny perpetrated under the cloak of statutory authority.

It concerns, primarily, the Board of Lunacy Control—the most despotic body in Britain to-day.

At a cost of £9,000,000 yearly, this Board wields extraordinary legislative powers so freely and mercilessly that the asylums of the country are now full to overflowing. Among their prisoners are a legion of people who have been wrongly put away.

The Board has encouraged the creation of a great corps of bureaucrats—administrative officers, inspectors, so-called welfare workers and doctors whose knowledge of the recognition and treatment of mental disorders is lamentably inadequate.

This tragic youth

The greater the number of people who by one means or another are received into asylums, the more numerous become the jobs and chances of promotion available to this host of officials.

Their whole policy and purpose is detention, not cure, and they do not like, therefore, to lose a single prisoner.

Let the case of Mr. Thomas Crompton, of Bolton, be an illustration. He has been and is now being hounded with terrible vindictiveness.

Crompton, a fine specimen of healthy young manhood, is twenty-two years of age.

We go back to ten years ago, when he was twelve. At that time, for a few months, he was a most mischievous boy. He had an obsession for cycling, and, not having a bicycle of his own, frequently "borrowed" other persons' machines for joy-riding.

These and similar escapades brought him to the children's court, and there his father agreed that it would be better for the boy's future if he were placed for a period in an institution where he would be subject to discipline and receive an uninterrupted education.

Lunatic gangs

Little was Mr. Crompton aware of the ghastly fate in store for his son when he signed the form put before him by the authorities.

The boy was consigned as a mental defective to a big asylum in Lancashire.

Scant education was provided for him there. Instead, he was placed in gangs of adult lunatic labourers and made to work at such heavy tasks as unloading coal wagons and excavating soil for new buildings.

Again and again his father tried desperately to get him free; but the Board of Control ridiculed his efforts. They do not surrender their captives so easily.

One day, when their son was about fourteen, Mr. and Mrs. Crompton went to the asylum to visit him. They were aghast at what they saw.

The boy was pitiably disfigured. When his parents ordered him to remove his clothing they found that his body was a mass of discoloration from a patchwork of bruises.

They were told by Thomas that some days previously he had been dragged into a side room by three attendants, and while two of them held him down to the floor the other punched and pummelled him almost into insensibility.

The father called the asylum superintendent, and the result was the immediate removal of the warder in charge.

Protesting that his son had been wrongfully put in an asylum in the first instance, and particularly in view of the neglect of his education and the brutality to which he had been subjected, Mr. Crompton again demanded his release.

The authorities gave a flat refusal.

Thereupon the father intimated to them that he would refuse further to pay for his son's maintenance in the asylum.

The official reply to this was that he would be prosecuted.

That course, Mr. Crompton retorted, would exactly suit his purpose, because the whole damnable story of the boy's false incarceration and suffering could then be revealed in open court.

Nothing is more dreaded by the lunacy authorities than public exposure of the physical punishment and maltreatment of patients in asylums.

Freedom, shackled

They released Thomas Crompton.

But they did not give him his freedom. He was marked down for vengeance because he had escaped from the clutches of the fiercest autocracy in Britain to-day. He was to be hunted and harried until a chance came to recapture him.

His liberation was on "licence" for three months, and the licence was renewed each quarter for the following five years.

They were five years of hell for young Crompton. Never was he allowed peace, and always the official machine was working to drive him back to the asylum.

Twice he went from home to enter excellent situations. Agents of the lunacy lords dogged him.

They called at his lodgings and told his landladies that he had been in an asylum and that they would hold the landladies responsible for his future conduct.

This kind of torture was insufferable. Crompton had to give up his employment, in which he was shaping well, and return home.

At the end of the fifth year the father died. This was the opportunity the authorities had been waiting for—the voice that had threatened them and caused them to surrender was silent for ever.

The inquisition

Mr. Crompton had been only a few days in his grave when the inquisition began. Representatives of the lunacy board descended upon the house and probed every detail of the recent life of Thomas, then a sturdy youth of nineteen.

They learned casually that some time previously Crompton, during a squabble in the house, had cuffed his younger sister on the ear. No better pretext to have him incarcerated again was required. He was there and then declared to be violent and of dangerous temper.

A few mornings later two asylum attendants and a policeman called at the house and demanded that Crompton should be handed over.

The poor widowed mother pleaded that he had never been insane, and that if they took him away they would be depriving her and her young family of their sole support.

Warders and police brushed the mother and her protests aside. They entered the house by force, took Crompton from bed, and marched away with him.

This time the youth was not put in an ordinary asylum. They placed him in that dreaded place named Rampton, in Nottinghamshire, which was built as a criminal lunatic establishment.

Its population consists almost entirely of people of unsound mind who have been guilty of murder, manslaughter, incest, rape, seduction, arson and other crimes against persons and property.

For nearly three years Crompton lingered in this vile company.

Recently his mother remarried, and when the youth's stepfather became aware of these astounding happenings he let it be known to the Board of Control that he would use every resource at his command to secure the release of Crompton.

Once again the Board has taken fright, and they have now let the young man out on licence for three months.

We are determined that Thomas Crompton shall be freed for ever from the tyrannical power of the Board of Control

Proof positive

Last week Crompton was independently examined by two of the most eminent mental specialists in London. These are their reports:

12, Park Crescent,
Portland Place, W.1.

I have examined Mr. Thomas Crompton to-day, and I find him mentally quite normal, so much so that I cannot think at any time he has been really mentally defective.

I would like to add that I think it nothing short of remarkable that he should be so sane and mentally efficient as he is to-day, considering his association with mental cases.

(Signed) HECTOR MUNRO,
M.B., C.M.

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44, Wimpole Street, W.1.

This is to certify that I have this day interviewed and examined Thomas Crompton, whose age is said to be twenty-two, and that I have failed to find in him any indications that he can justifiably be classed as a mental defective at the present time and legitimately placed in an institution where such patients are detained.

Not only are there no indications that Thomas Crompton is to be regarded as a mental defective now, but there is also nothing to be detected in him that would lead one to the belief that his detention as such has ever been justified.

Indeed, it is remarkable that his mental standard is what it is, deprived as he has been of all mental education and relegated to an institution where he has been surrounded by all grades of genuine mental defectives.

(Signed) J. S. RISIEN RUSSELL,
M.D., F.R.C.P.

Our determination

Spies of the Board of Control are already ferreting out what information they can regarding Crompton's behaviour while he has been on "holiday," with the obvious purpose of quickly putting him once more behind the walls of Rampton.

If they dare to lay hands on this youth again, JOHN BULL will defend him to the extent of having this terrible story related before one of His Majesty's judges.

In the meantime, we are submitting the full facts to the Home Secretary and the Minister of Health, with a request that this outrage shall be ended and Thomas Crompton be freed for ever from the tyrannical power of the Board of Control.

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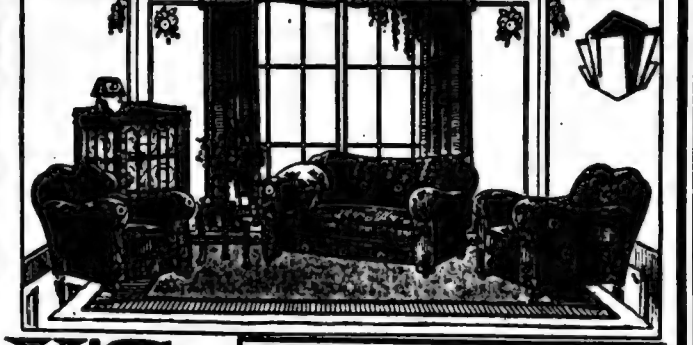

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MAJOR-GENERAL

SIR WYNDHAM CHILDS' *Weekly Informations*

I AM here able to expose a new £7,000,000 gun-running scheme in which the name of a European monarch has been freely used, and in which several British financiers have already badly burned their fingers.

The central figure in this astounding story is a monocled adventurer named A. John Ashwin, who claims to be the accepted friend of royalty and distinguished diplomats, and to be well informed where secret politics are concerned.

He boasts that he can always get the support of foreign financiers, though

Here is King Alexander and some members of his army. Ashwin told a scurvilous story of the King's intrigue to sell £9 rifles for £11 and to put most of the remainder in his own kingly pockets

GUN-RUNNER'S £7,000,000 *Bluff*

poses as a man of wealth himself d has in the past spoken airily of his hâteau near Paris."

He might, in fact, have stepped aight from the pages of one of Mr. ppenheim's romances; but he is a y real figure, as I shall show.

Mr. A. John Ashwin has lately apached a number of people in this untry with a proposition specially lculated to appeal to those who are venturously inclined.

War clouds, he declares, are gather-g over the Balkans. He can speak th authority, for his distinguished ends are keeping him well informed. sides, he knows the "inner" story, d can impart it "in confidence."

A *deal in guns*

The trouble began with the shooting some sentries—Italian sentries—on e Yugo-Slav and Italian frontier me months ago.

This affair had caused quite a stir in t part of Europe, and there had en a lot of argument regarding the rticular type of bullets with which e sentries had been shot.

One outcome of this was the decision the Yugo-Slav government to re-ip its army with German rifles of e distinct pattern to replace the ench rifles at present in use.

That was where Mr. A. John Ashwin me in. With his influence and exrience of such matters, he had been isting in the task of negotiating £7,000,000 loan to finance the purase of the new arms.

He willingly volunteered the fullest tails to lend weight to his story. tween 400,000 and 500,000 Mausers, nilar to the official German small n, were to be purchased, and there uld be big profits for those who anced the deal and a good many her people besides.

A *King's "plot"*

He confided that there would be nsiderable intrigue. While each e would actually be sold for £9 in e first instance, the price officially corded by the Yugo-Slavian Governnt would be £11. The difference, explained, would be secretly divided tween King Alexander and various h Ministers of State!

Though this scheme may appear fantastic in cold print, Mr. A. John Ashwin has had no difficulty in finding a number of financiers ready to believe him. His plausibility and impressive personality have won the confidence of at least three people to my knowledge, all of whom have advanced substantial sums in the expectation of realising huge profits.

Burned fingers

Mr. A. John Ashwin further impressed these three investors by departing in great style for Belgrade, saying that he had to confer with the Finance Minister of Yugo-Slavia and his "technical adviser."

His British supporters are now wondering whether they have been quite wise, and from investigations I have caused to be made it is clear that they have burned their fingers pretty badly.

I wonder it did not occur to them to make a few tactful inquiries at the Yugo-Slavian Legation in London. Had they done so they would have discovered that the whole story as related by A. John Ashwin is preposterous.

It collapses in the first place when I point out that the army in Yugo-Slavia is already equipped with Mausers, so that the need for the replacement suggested does not arise at all.

Even if a change were contemplated—and I am assured on the highest authority upon Yugo-Slav affairs in this country that it is not—Yugo-Slavia would be perfectly free to purchase new arms through recognised channels.

But on pursuing my investigations further I find that this is by no means the first colossal gun-running scheme that has been sponsored by A. John Ashwin in an endeavour to part romantically-inclined speculators from their money.

A few years ago, when he had offices in the Rue du Helder, Paris, he made frequent trips to London in connection with a £2,000,000 scheme for shipping rifles to China.

Hide-and-seek methods

As in the present instance, he confidently supplied the fullest details. The rifles—Mausers again!—were hidden in two groups—one in Holland, the other "somewhere in the Black Forest."

Figures quoted were from £5 to £6 for each weapon.

The cargo was to be shipped from a Dutch port for South America, the intention being to divert it en route. The scheme never matured, but numerous people—some very influential indeed—were taken in by it.

Who, then, is Mr. A. John Ashwin?

Although he was at one time a fairly substantial figure in the shipping world, his career since the war has been decidedly chequered.

In 1923, when trading as Ashwin and Company, Shipowners, in Billiter Street, London, E.C., he figured in a colossal bankruptcy, his debts being in the neighbourhood of £70,000, against assets which he personally estimated at £4,930.

¾d. *in the £*

In the ensuing years he has induced several people to advance him money in various schemes, and it was only about six months ago, when he was talking so engagingly about his operations in connection with th. latest "loan" and gun-running venture, that his luckless creditors received a "first and final" dividend of ¾d. in the £.

He has, so far, not obtained his discharge from this bankruptcy.

Until recently he was staying at a hotel in the West End of London, but has not been seen there for some time—possibly on account of his failure to meet his growing account or to return various loans.

Since his departure there have been many anxious callers.

I am not surprised!

TWO *Very Good* ACTORS

TWO young men, named Walter Bracks and Kenneth Bradley, are at present touring the country in the guise of revue artists, and defrauding people in every town they visit.

Complaints show that they practise varying methods of raising money swiftly and simply. At Leamington, for instance, they called upon the chaplain of the Actors' Church Union to ask for "temporary assistance."

They said they were known on the variety stage as the "Govan Brothers," and had played in the "Chelsea Follies" touring company, taking the leading parts played by Nervo and Knox during the show's successful London run.

Lately, however, there had been a slight decline in their fortunes. They had been "out" for several weeks and had unfortunately run short of ready money just as word had been received of an engagement at the Liverpool Empire for the following week.

On the strength of this story each comedian was given an advance, Bracks obtaining £5, while Bradley pocketed £6. They promised to refund this money immediately they received their salaries for the Liverpool engagement.

It is now clear that their story was a complete fabrication. Though their benefactor did not know it, these two young men—both are under thirty—were actually staying in Leamington in the names of George Frederick Harris and Gordon Travers.

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SHAMEFUL ARREST BLUNDER

Victim's Cell Ordeal

WE reveal here full details of a monstrous police-court prosecution, involving gross charges against an innocent man, who is the victim of appalling negligence and blundering on the part of the police.

There are many unusual aspects to the case, not the least of which is the unprecedented action of a learned Judge in conducting independent and personal inquiries to check police statements which he doubted.

The victim is Mr. Thomas Grainger, a Walsall man who, at fifty-five, has an unspotted record, and who has worked for the same firm for nearly thirty years.

He was sitting in a field innocently reading a newspaper one afternoon in July last when he was approached by a police sergeant named Bevington and a constable named Urwin, and invited to accompany them to Bloxwich Police Station.

Vain plea for bail

Grainger was naturally surprised and could only conclude that he had been trespassing, but the police sergeant told him that he would hear the charge later.

At Bloxwich station he heard for the first time that he was charged with behaviour calculated to insult females.

He indignantly protested his innocence, but was conducted to Walsall Police Station, searched, and placed in a cell.

A request for bail was refused.

Grainger spent the night in the cell, and next day, when a friend called and expressed a willingness to stand surety for him, the officer she saw told her that bail could not be granted.

It is now admitted that the application for bail was never brought to the notice of the appropriate officer in charge.

As a result of this omission Grainger had to spend a further day and a second night in custody.

When he was brought before the court a woman witness was put into the box and instantly declared that she could not identify Grainger as the man whose behaviour had been complained of.

Fight for honour

Thereupon, Mr. G. H. Ballance, the Chief Constable, withdrew the case. A nasty suggestion of mystery was thus left in the air, and Grainger thus had no opportunity of publicly giving evidence to clear his name of the gross charges which had been levelled against him.

Though the sudden withdrawal of the case implied his vindication, there was nothing to compensate Grainger for the terrible ordeal he had endured.

Indeed, to secure satisfaction, he has been forced to bring an action against Police-Sergeant Bevington for unlawful arrest, false imprisonment and malicious prosecution.

This action has just been heard by Judge Tebbs at Walsall County Court, and though Grainger has now been publicly vindicated and awarded substantial damages, we do not feel that the matter should be allowed to rest there.

The police of this country as a whole are careful and humane men, anxious to be as fair to their prisoners as to the law they have to enforce. But one thing that ought to be especially sacred is the liberty of the subject, and in cases where it has been unjustifiably taken away the publication of the full facts is essential.

There are aspects of the above case which leave us appalled. And there are many points which ought to be cleared up by official enquiry.

In defending the action for damages Police-Sergeant Bevington gave the fullest evidence supporting the infamous allegations against an innocent man. This evidence was not, of course, given in the original police-court case.

An explanation for the sudden withdrawal of the case was given by the Chief Constable, who said: "Well, it was a busy court day, and I thought that the only woman who had complained evidently did not want to give evidence, and we would not be vindictive."

That does not dispose of the fact that Grainger was kept without bail quite wrongly. This has been explained away with the admission that the constable "forgot" to bring the matter to the notice of his superior!

"The Chief Constable (above), withdrew the case"

"Mr. Thomas Grainger (left), the victim of a monstrous prosecution"

Trounced by the Judge

This is a clear indication of the disgracefully slipshod methods employed by some of the police involved in this case. It came out in court, for instance, that when Grainger was arrested, one point of identification was that he was "wearing a light cap." Pleasant news, surely, for all those in the district who happen to wear light caps!

But to our mind, the most damning commentary on this shameful case is furnished by the fact that Judge Tebbs was so dissatisfied with Sergeant Bevington's evidence that he personally visited the scene of the alleged indecencies to test that evidence for himself.

This is what the learned Judge has to say:

"This Sergeant (Bevington) is not to be relied upon, and I don't think he is speaking the truth. I went with him to the place in question and stood where he stood, *but he could not have seen what he said he saw.*"

The judge also pointed out that he got his head at a level with Bevington's head so that each could see what the other could see, and added: "I don't believe—I put it as highly as that—that he ever saw anything of the kind he said he saw, *because it is a physical impossibility.*"

Towards the end of the case, Judge Tebbs recalled P.C. Urwin, who admitted that he saw nothing suspicious in Grainger's conduct. Yet Bevington's original report read: "*We* concealed ourselves and saw prisoner behaving in a certain way"!

In addition, there was the vital evidence of a youth who passed the spot several times during the minutes Grainger was reading his newspaper there before arrest. This youth said he noticed Grainger as he passed, but he saw nothing wrong.

Must have action

This is one of the most shameful cases of its kind that has ever been brought to our notice, and we demand the fullest possible official investigation of the whole affair.

We think that the Home Secretary should call at once for a complete report from the Walsall Watch Committee as to the action they have taken—or propose to take—in this very grave scandal.

THE Flying Yachtsman

SHOPKEEPERS and others in various parts of Hampshire and Surrey are complaining that they have been defrauded by a breezy young man who calls himself Gordon Spraull.

He is described as a sporting individual with conspicuous gold teeth, who often wears plus fours and a beret.

One of his latest victims is a shopkeeper in Eastleigh, Hampshire.

Spraull was in the habit of dropping in to make various purchases, and always seemed a very pleasant-mannered young man.

Sometimes he would be accompanied by friends, and the shopkeeper gathered that they were visitors to Eastleigh and were stopping at one of the local hotels.

All were very smartly dressed and appeared to be affluent. There was some talk of the yacht *Cygnet*, lying in Southampton, of which Spraull was presumably the owner.

Then one afternoon the genial Spraull came in alone to ask the shopkeeper if he would oblige him by cashing a cheque for £15.

It was unfortunately after banking hours, he explained, and he wanted the money urgently, as he had to run into Southampton by car to complete the purchase of a motor boat. He was just short of about £15 and had promised to pay cash, as he was not known to the boat's present owner.

The shopkeeper was anxious to oblige such a charming customer, but found that he could only spare £12.

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Spraull pretended to examine his wallet and then announced that that would "just do." He had already made out his cheque for £15—but that didn't matter. He could collect the balance another day, or it could be held against further purchases.

So with a genial wave of the hand, Gordon Spraull climbed into his car and drove away.

That was the last seen of him in Eastleigh, and when the cheque came back dishonoured and the shopkeeper hurried to Spraull's hotel he received a rude shock.

It was true that the alleged yachtsman had been staying there for some time with two youthful friends who appeared to be his guests, and for whose accounts he had made himself responsible. But all three had disappeared and the management had not received so much as a penny.

Meanwhile, similar complaints have arisen in Fleet, Hampshire and Camberley, Surrey; but all efforts to trace Spraull or his friends have failed.

He is certainly not known in Southampton, and his yachts and motor boats are mythical.

THE YELLOW DOOR

That great master of thrills, Valentine Williams, famous as the creator of "Clubfoot," has written his finest mystery story, "The Yellow Door," for the *Daily Herald*, where it will begin, appearing in serial form on Tuesday, December 15.

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No scrutiny can be undertaken in connection with the Award of £50 to Runners-up. This prize has been divided between 243 competitors from whom we received solutions containing two errors and who will each receive 4s. 3d. A list of these winners can be seen at the "John Bull" offices and all have been notified.

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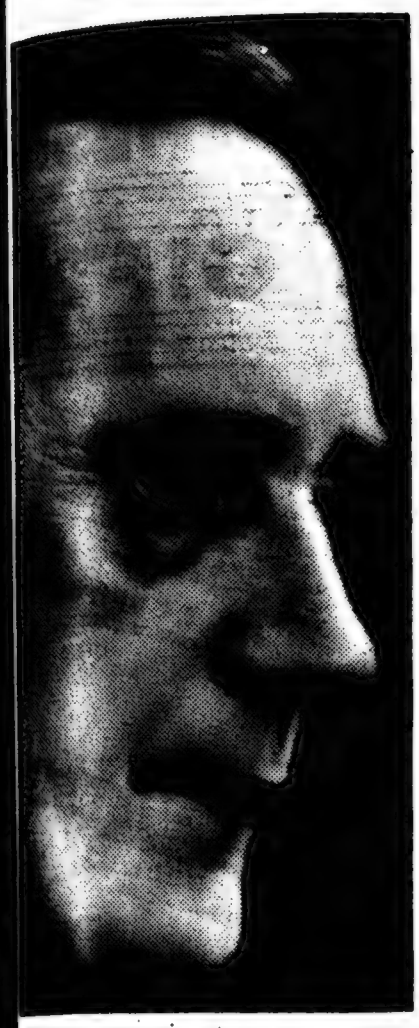


"This country is already heavily over-populated"

AT the Leeds Assizes recently Mr. Justice McCardie uttered one of the most sensational judgments ever delivered from the Bench.

In the dock stood a woman of thirty-nine who confessed that she had been driven to commit a certain offence through fear that yet another baby would be added to her burden of seven children.

"My own view is," said the judge, "that this country is already heavily over-populated. In my view the knowledge of birth control ought to be most widely extended, and particularly among those who live in very poor and very unhappy circumstances.

"I go further. I express the view clearly that, in my opinion, the law as it exists should be, and ought to be, substantially amended. It is out of keeping with the conditions that prevail in the world around us."

He bound her over for two years; and when another woman confessed to the same offence he bound her over also.

Sensational though this episode is, it by no means stands alone.

"Do you mean to say you have four children under five years of age? That is shocking," said Judge Parsons at the Bristol County Court to a woman debtor who expected another child very shortly.

I can't live!

Another woman who applied for the stay of a warrant for debt said she had eight children all under eleven years of age, "and another one coming next week," she added.

"How do you expect to live?" asked His Honour.

"I cannot," she replied. "I have to go without. It is not living. It is starvation."

"That is because you have more children than you can keep," answered the judge, and ordered the stay of the warrant.

The remarks of these experienced judges throw a blinding light upon the existence of ghastly suffering inflicted upon thousands of poor women.

It is time, and more than time, that public attention was forcibly directed to these sufferings, for the urgent need of finding a remedy for this preventable mass of misery is a national duty.

It has appeared so at any rate to Dean Inge and to more than one of our bishops; and to pretend that no social problem exists, or that the question of birth-control is a mere matter of academic discussion is to confess to a profound ignorance of what is going on in front of our very noses.

A magic formula

I have never quite understood the rabid opponents of birth control—that is to say, those who oppose, not the advocacy of immorality, which is not in question, but the spreading of scientific knowledge which will enable women to bear children at reasonable intervals with due regard for their ability to bring them into the world safely and healthily.

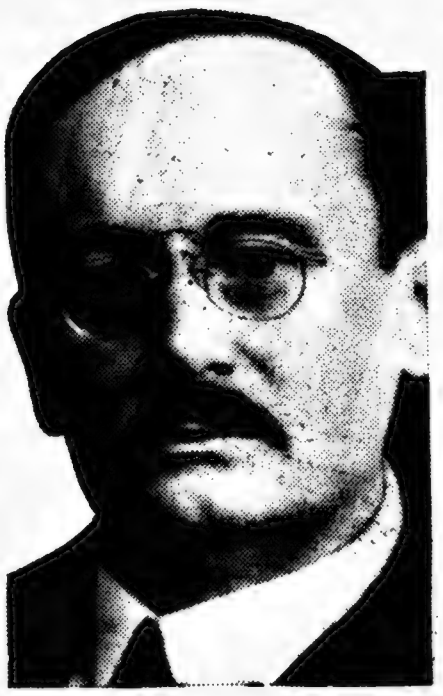
To such opponents the idea of increasing the population seems to be a kind of magic formula, a thing necessarily good in itself.

Their reply to any talk of surplus population is that the surplus is naturally adjusted by infant mortality, by pestilence or by war, and some even go so far as to assert that these things, instead of being evils avoidable by human foresight, are actually Nature's way of dealing with what they airily term "the pressure of population."

Such views seem to me not only folly, but brutal folly. They take no regard of the fact that the hypocritical veil we pretend to draw over these things hides not health but disease, covers not morality but the reeking immorality of slums and economic duress.

I was recently shown some figures by a social worker. Ninety women, with between ten and twelve expectations of birth each, making a total of 968 expectations, had only 650 children surviving. Eighteen women, with from thirteen to seventeen expectations each, or a total of 260, had only 166 children surviving.

In other words, no fewer than 412 potential citizens had failed to survive, and it does not need a very keen imagination to envisage the consequent suffering to both the minds and bodies of the women concerned.



The Prince's physician sees the danger

We are a curious people, for although infant welfare centres have for long been open in most districts, by some mental perversity of the Ministry of Health or its officials the doctors and nurses in charge of these centres are expressly forbidden to give any information on birth control except in special cases.

A few years ago the matter was debated in the House of Lords, when the Government was requested to withdraw these instructions. In what might be considered one of the most respectable and conservative assemblies in the world the motion was carried by a substantial majority.

In the course of this debate the late Archbishop of Canterbury made this significant remark: "I have never been able to take the stern and uncompromising view of some people on this subject, who think that the thing in itself is wrong and evil."

Those were courageous and wise words—but the result was to leave things as they were.

Doctors know

I think if anyone is entitled to speak on this subject it is the doctor and surgeon who is daily and hourly brought into contact with the results of ignorance: and I can think of no one more entitled to be listened to with respect than Dr. Aleck Bourne, senior obstetric surgeon to Queen Charlotte's Hospital:

"Calm consideration of the facts," he says, "will leave no doubt of the righteousness of contraception but only the question of its proper indications. The alleged dangers of contraception vanish into insignificance—always excepting certain obviously harmful methods which no doctor would allow—when contrasted with the infinitely greater dangers to mental and physical health caused by undesirable child-bearing.

"Granted that it is a choice of two evils, but what an easy choice when the extent of the evils is calmly considered and contrasted!"

Sir Thomas Horder, physician-in-ordinary to the Prince of Wales, roundly declares that "there is a close analogy between unrestricted child-bearing and cancer and tuberculosis," and says that a proper knowledge of birth control is a problem demanding as much scientific attention as these two scourges of humanity.

The new dawn

The appalling part of the business to me is that it is obvious that constructive birth control in one form or another is practised by nearly all the educated classes, including the clergy. It is only among the poorer classes, struggling always on the very verge of existence, that the remedy is least known.

There is only one more thing to say: Those who profess to believe that weak and sickly children, ailing and broken mothers, and poverty-stricken homes are the way to a virile and healthy nation are welcome to what comfort they can extract from the opinions.

I prefer to believe that the day is very near when we shall recognise that true knowledge, judiciously given to all who need it by competent and skilled advisers, is the better way.

The Human Machine

TWO WORLDS

IT is almost a commonplace to-day to meet people who groan that "life isn't worth living." Few of them seem to be making an effort to live it, anyway. Most others seem to be merely existing; and existing was never a very exhilarating pastime at the best of times.

Life is always worth living if we have the imagination to realise the wonders with which we are surrounded and the sensibilities to respond to them. Life is always worth living as long as we make some sort of an effort to live. Otherwise we might just as well be dead.

Every day we all of us have certain duties to perform. There is the necessity of earning our living, the need for doing so much work, the stress and strain of commercial life that is never easy and often extremely bad. But this does not comprise the whole of life.

We make a tremendous mistake if we allow the insistent clamour of our practical interests to deafen us to all other sounds—for every man has access to two worlds, and what makes life worth living is not the material world that hems him in but the world he can create for himself and in which he can live to the full extent of his powers.

How few of us ever try to create our own world! How few ever make a definite effort to get outside themselves, to look at things from an impersonal standpoint and to seek out the new and the beautiful and the inspiring.

The truth is that life is only worth living as long as we continually and consciously strive to progress, as long as we are always learning something new, welcoming new ideas and trying out new methods.

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IN this country of generous givers, where no worthy appeal to public sympathy ever goes unheeded, there must be many anxious hearts this year.

Money is "tight," times are hard, and the inevitable Income Tax demands will make many people hesitate this Christmas before they give their usual subscriptions to our great hospitals and noble charities.

It comes as a shock to learn, for example, that St. Dunstan's has been obliged to curtail its work for men who were blinded in the war. That was, no doubt, a necessary economy, but the sad fact is that all charitable and philanthropic organisations are feeling the pinch.

For this reason it is more than ever necessary just now, not only to give generously, but to give wisely. And that is our justification for returning to-day to the subject of bogus charities and calling attention once more to this abominable scandal.

The man who would steal pennies from a blind man's hat is universally recognised as the lowest form of thief. We denounce the promoters of bogus charities as swindlers of the same contemptible and heartless type.

Fighting for years

WHEN they rob the public, they are also robbing the widow and the orphan, the sick and the suffering, the aged, the destitute and the blind. They are worse than robbers; they are the poisoners of the well springs of charity.

And the lamentable fact is that the majority of these callous rogues can operate with absolute impunity because they know the law.

New legislation is urgently necessary to protect the public and put an end to the activities of these pests.

We have not yet been able to bring this new legislation about, but we have consistently exposed bogus charities and charitable ramps in our columns.

In scores of instances our readers have been warned against these sham philanthropists and we have driven more than one humbug out of business.

Unfortunately, no sooner is one impostor exposed than another starts a new swindle, and no real progress will be made until the law is changed and the police have power to deal with the promoters of bogus charities as they can with other fraudulent rascals.

Although we have dealt with this subject more than once in the past, it may be worth while to explain what the legal position is to-day in regard to all charities which solicit public support.

Shilling subterfuge

FIRST of all, no criminal charge can be laid in respect of any bogus charity unless it can be proved that *nothing* is contributed to the cause for which funds are raised.

A few cups of tea, a few distributions of hot soup, the gift of a shilling or two against a receipt would be enough to prove that any given charity is, in law, carrying on charitable work.

There is no need for any charity—unless it caters for the blind and thus comes under special regulations—to register at all.

Incredible though it may seem, any Tom, Dick or Harry can start a new charity without obtaining any official sanction whatever.

His collecting boxes will have to be duly labelled and his subscription cards must set forth the name and purpose of the charity, but that done he can send his collectors out on a door-to-door canvass and none can interfere.

Flag days, thank heaven, are subject to the control of the local authorities, and organised street collections are only permitted under licence. Our view is that the control needs tightening up even here, but that is another matter.

If the police should have reason to believe that any charity is little more than a sham, they can call at the headquarters to ask questions, but, once a few receipts are produced to show that something has actually been given to charity, they are powerless to take further action.

It is true that now and again some particularly impudent and hardened swindler publishes literature which is technically fraudulent. He may, for example, declare that he is running a home for destitute children at a given address when he is actually doing nothing of the sort.

In such cases the police can take action against him for fraud in the ordinary way. But the accomplished and hardened swindlers who are running most of the bogus charities to-day never make a mistake like that.

The existing law is their safeguard and their shield. They always comply with its essentials, because to do so need not cost them more than one per cent.—perhaps even less—of the money they extract from the public pocket.

The Yard helpless

IN London alone there are four bogus charities which have been running for a quarter of a century and which are still raising thousands of pounds every year. Although Scotland Yard has compiled huge dossiers about them, the Commissioner can do nothing to close them down because a fractional percentage of their receipts is always disbursed in charity.

One case represented such a flagrant abuse of public generosity that the Yard went so far as to issue an official warning. It could do nothing further, and this wicked ramp is still going on.

Finally, there is no law whatever to compel any charitable association to keep books or to publish an annual balance-sheet.

Every reputable charity does publish a balance-sheet. The others need give no account whatever of the way in which the money entrusted to them has been expended.

In JOHN BULL this year we have exposed at least a dozen so-called charities operating in Scotland and the provinces as well as in London, and broadcasting their appeals all over the country. But we have naturally dealt only with the more flagrant cases—those in which the spirit of fraud is beyond dispute though the letter of the law may be observed.

At present there is only one body—the Charity Organisation Society—making any serious attempt to save the public from exploitation. This society is doing valuable work and, for the benefit of its members, it issues a most useful "black list." But it can do no more than warn.

We demand Parliamentary action as soon as the present urgent national business permits. A Bill should be introduced which provides first of all that every charity be registered at some central office.

And, just as a limited company must have a board of responsible directors, so every charity should be compelled by law to publish the names of a responsible committee.

That committee should be answerable for the conduct of the charity on businesslike lines. Books of account should be scrupulously kept and properly audited, and an annual balance-sheet should be regularly presented.

Moreover, any failure to comply with these regulations ought, under this Bill, to render the committee liable to appropriate fines or punishment in exactly the same way as company directors are now liable.

A further suggestion worth consideration is that the law should insist upon a maximum percentage of expenses. It should not be difficult to establish a reasonable proportion between necessary expenses and charitable disbursement.

Ignore the shams

THERE is no other way in which the charitable public can be protected from fraudulent rogues and well-meaning incompetents alike.

We earnestly commend this matter to the attention of charitable institutions and all Members of Parliament.

And, in the meantime, we would address a last word to our own readers. Make certain this Christmas that any charity you wish to support is genuine and honestly conducted. Ignore all other appeals.

And, if you are ever in doubt, write to JOHN BULL about it.

Without Fear or Favour

Many call, but few—so very few —are chosen. A queue of would-be dancing girls and a famous combination "in action"

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Miss Marie Burke "knows many heart-rending cases"

PRETTY GIRLS 3-a-Penny

BEAUTY is at a perilous discount to-day in Tin-pan Alley—the place where they make the Christmas pantomimes.

Thousands of young stage girls, who only a few years ago would have been looking forward this week to months of steady employment, are wandering disconsolately around the West End of London wasting their sweetness on the Alley's desert air.

Little Yorkshire blondes with blue eyes, tall Lancashire brunettes with madonna-like faces, plump girls with dimples and dark girls with ankles slenderly beautiful: *they are all in the same plight!*

No fewer than two thousand trained girls recently applied for twenty-four chorus jobs at the London Hippodrome, in the very heart of the song-and-dance district which has borrowed the Broadway title of Tin-pan Alley.

Those lucky twenty-four will be the aristocrats of their profession, receiving £4 a week, or 6s. 8d. for each of the twelve performances given between Monday afternoon and Saturday night.

Such pay would seem almost too good to be true to most girls in other quarters, but the Hippodrome is recognised as one of the best run theatres in the country.

Alas! Beauty in distress has attracted the usual Beasts in the shape of unscrupulous managers.

Slump in beauty

There are pantomimes now in rehearsal for your Christmas delight, whose smiling dancers will be literally on the border-line of starvation, their forty shillings a week whittled down by agents' commissions and necessary incidental expenses to the barest minimum.

One of the worst cases of all occurred in a London suburb only a week ago, when the members of a touring revue—now fortunately disbanded—were receiving only 12s. a week!

Such conditions would not be tolerated by decent girls in even the worst metropolitan cesspools of Europe, where the equivalent of £1 is regarded as the minimum retainer.

Fewer pantomimes and too many films; poor productions and broadcast popularity; such are the principal causes of the present slump in footlight beauty values.

Mr. Julian Wylie, the Czar of provincial pantomime, has known the day when no fewer than fourteen pantomimes were produced under his direction on Boxing Day.

Yet each year the figure has slumped.

In a fortnight's time only three Christmas shows will bear the Wylie hall-mark; there will be one at the Palace Theatre in Manchester, one at the Royal in Glasgow and one at the Grand Theatre in Leeds.

Thus have the mighty fallen!

And Mr. Wylie says that he cannot afford to pay much more than £3 a week for his dancing beauties.

Miss Gracie Fields, and her husband, Archie Pitt, are in a similar plight. There was once a time when the pretty girls of their com-

An Army of Damsels in Distress

panies looked upon the Fields family as their own. But, alas! there was once a time when there were eight Archie Pitt companies touring Great Britain.

That number is now reduced to the pitiable figure of—one!

Mr. Archie Pitt, among the most prominent of touring theatrical managers, said the other day, "I dare not advertise for a chorus under my right London address any more. We would have to use a fictitious one. The rush would be too great."

Among the biggest sufferers from the parlous state of the pantomime market have been the famous John Tiller Girls. Yet they are also to be accounted the luckiest in their profession, for work has been found for them in at least three big kinema theatres.

There are now two troupes working in London, at the Carlton and Plaza, and one at the Paramount Theatre in Paris. But there will only be three of these troupes working in pantomimes this Christmas.

The boom which the English dancing girl enjoyed on the Continent after the War has similarly gone the way of all theatrical booms, and there are many girls now seeking employment in London who had come to look upon Paris and Berlin as their own home cities.

Poor little Pagliaccis of this year's pantomimes!

Thousands upon thousands of them, with silk stockings and cheerful smiles, and all the gaieties of the motley hiding hearts more sad than ever beat beneath the pierrot costume of any operatic tenor singing "On with the Motley."

No one seems to want them these days. . . .

The West End of London, where pay is higher than anywhere else in the country, is a good criterion of the stage girl's present distress.

There are now only five West End

The final rehearsal; last steps for the high-steppers. Left: a back stage meeting to try out a new panto "hit"

of London shows with a chorus. The average has seldom before been fewer than fifteen. And, instead of half a dozen big pantomimes, there will only be one!

Let us go behind the scenes of the most famous home of English musical comedy, Daly's Theatre in Le'cester Square, London.

The present attraction is André Messager's delightful light opera, "Monsieur Beaucaire." Girls who were not only attractive but who could really sing were required for this production. There was a great rush to secure one of the coveted posts.

Only the girls engaged in the current Daly's piece were paid during the three weeks of rehearsal, although there was an unusual clause in each girl's contract that she would have to rehearse on Sundays.

The engagement was for one month of actual playing, and the pay—less agent's commission—was £2 14s. a week. Thus for seven weeks' strenuous work the girls will get an average of £1 11s., on which they must live, dress themselves, pay their singing teachers and provide their own costly make-up materials.

Is it any wonder, then, that many girls find themselves turning towards the doubtful employment of "dancing hostess" in big restaurants and cabarets, whose conditions were so sternly condemned by Mr. Justice McCardie the other day?

Moth and flame

These restaurants pay no salaries, but the girl who keeps her head can often pick up three or four times her chorus salary from rich dancing men.

How many girls can keep their heads in the glittering and alcoholic atmosphere of the cabarets? Few, indeed, survive the ordeal for more than a few weeks.

Yes, pretty faces and aching hearts are three-a-penny now in London town, the mecca of all girls who aspire to fame and fortune behind the footlights.

There will be actually fewer than a thousand stage girls at work in the United Kingdom this Christmas, where before the figure was nearer five thousand.

When the great patriotic spectacle "Cavalcade" was recently produced at Drury Lane, they needed scores of people to act in the big crowd scenes.

Nearly all the men and women chosen for this all-important work were professionals.

They are happy at the prospect of a long and prosperous run which Mr. C. B. Cochran hopes will make a profit of £100,000. *They are getting* 30s. *a week each.*

Even British film studios agree to pay crowd workers one guinea a day! Yet it is always a question of supply and demand, and out-of-work players must be grateful to Mr. Cochran's enterprise for providing them in times like these with any job at all.

"No legs wanted"

And Cochran, who is one of the most generous of managers, does all he can to alleviate any cases of real distress.

In another big London show the work of the dancing girls is so important that they are on the stage for three-quarters of the whole performance; and their work is so arduous that fainting girls are a common sight in the wings.

Most of these dancers get only about 6s. a show.

The newly-founded British Actors' Equity is fighting hard to better the conditions under which these girls must work to live honestly. But they are not yet strong enough to meet the managers on the even terms that have made the Equity Association of America so powerful a force for good in the theatrical profession of the United States.

The British Actors' Equity wants all chorus girls working in the West End to receive a minimum of £4 for an eight-performance week; and is trying to kill the iniquitous booking fee charged by agents for an "introduction" to a manager.

In America this system has been dealt with sharply, but in England there are still theatrical agents who will think nothing of taking a 10 per cent. weekly rake-off on the merest pittance.

Frowning on Pierrette

Miss Marie Burke is one of the staunchest workers in the cause which the British Actors' Equity has at heart. She knows many heart-rending cases where youthful talent has been killed by unsavoury conditions of employment.

Everything seems to be against them to-day. Last year, for example, there was a mild boom in big musical talkies which put many pounds in the vanity bags of pretty girls with film faces and dancing experience.

Now all that is past, and the only recent British musical talkie managed to be produced without a single chorus girl.

Last year Mr. Bobby Howes was "supported" in the musical comedy "Mr. Cinders" by a chorus of forty, in whose ranks were many young provincial leading players, who were only too glad of a chance of London experience and freedom from travelling.

Two months ago Mr. Howes was produced in the successor to "Mr. Cinders." It is called "For the Love of Mike," *and there is not a single chorus girl in the piece!*

A Drury Lane pantomime in the old days would give employment to as many as 150 girls; and, indeed, in the Dominion Theatre pantomime produced by Mr. Julian Wylie last Christmas there were eighty chorus and dancing girls.

This year the Dominion is a talkie theatre.

Who'll dare?

And so it is, all along the line.

The gangsters of the talkies have mowed down the dancing beauties with the machine-guns of mechanical entertainment.

Even the vogue for spectacular cabaret shows—often the most dangerous form of employment—has fallen out of favour, and the Piccadilly hotel that once had twenty beauties in its chorus now relies on the efforts of two or three variety entertainers.

It was as a humble member of the cabaret in this hotel that little Miss Lillian Bond started on the ladder of fame that has led her to Hollywood, where she makes a large salary in that home of large salaries.

No chorus girl is allowed to get less than £5 a week—at the old rate of exchange—in New York. Most of them get more, and can afford to live decently without the constant threat of the dangers that face pretty girls in every big city.

Outside the great Ziegfeld Theatre in New York, the famous home of the most highly-paid beautiful chorus girl in the world, hangs the Ziegfeld slogan: "Glorifying the American Girl." A pastry shop next door has seized the opportunity to hang out another sign: "Glorifying the American Doughnut."

What English musical comedy theatre to-day dare go one farther and display the slogan, "Glorifying the British Manager," as a sign that in at least one playhouse the work of the chorus girls is justly rewarded?

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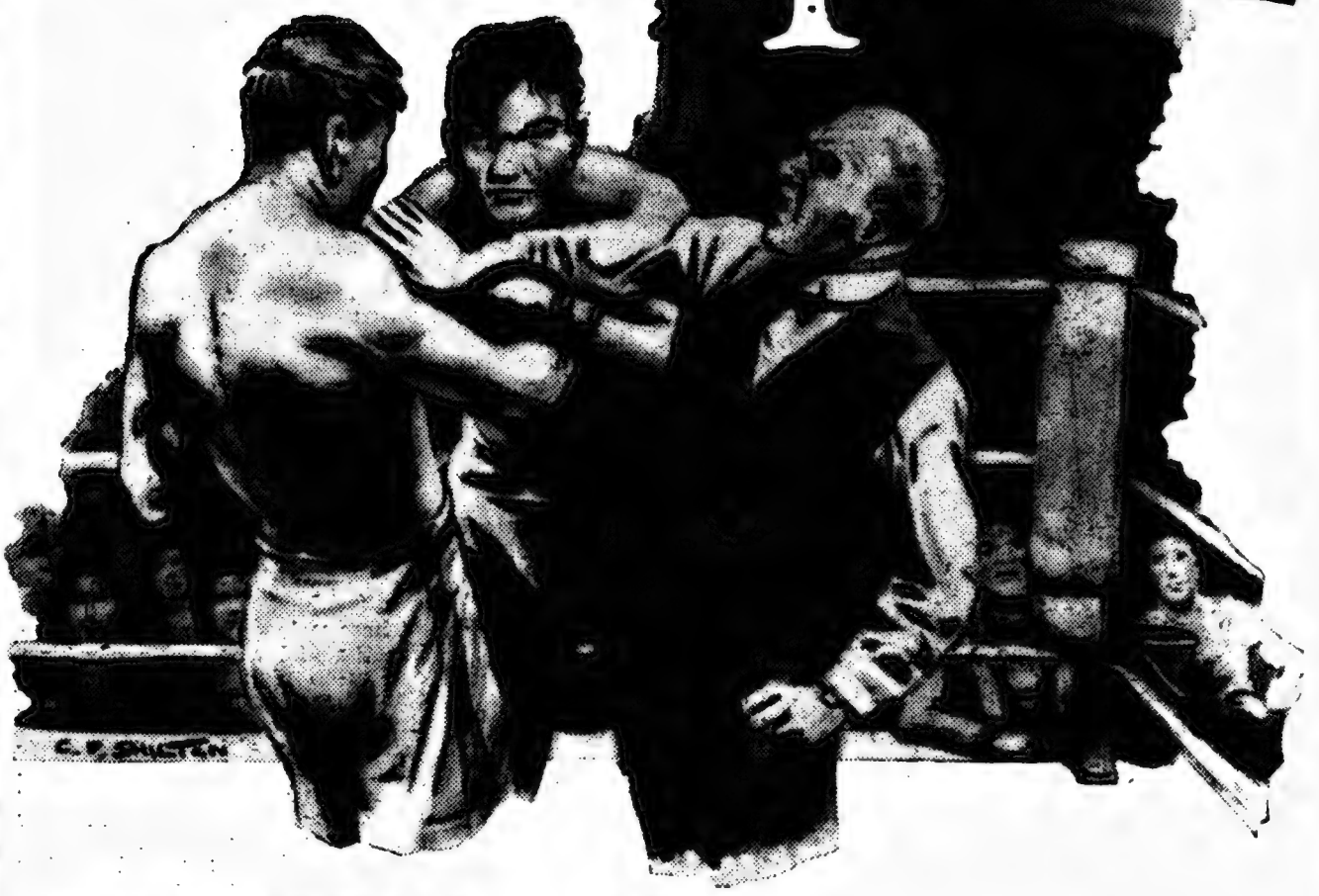

THE referee's shirt-sleeve came between them, its linen soiled. "Break!" Joe heard him snarl. "Break, blast you, break!"

JOE was a big-thewed, grim-looking devil under the stark glare of the arc-lights. Blood and sweat and water shone on his skin as his squat face twisted and his huge body doubled over the glove that was buried in the pit of his stomach.

His middle was suddenly full of cold, griping pain and the rest of him burned in fiery agony. He was hurt right through to his spine, and his brain rocked—but he didn't go down.

He didn't go down, because Jenny believed in fairies.

He swayed off the glove, and the ropes seared like hot irons across his back. He saw Buck coming in to murder him—eyes like chilled steel under the bony armour of their brows, splayed nostrils distended and blood-flecks like smudged rubies on his chest.

Joe took the spring of the ropes and lurched to meet him, and he heard Buck's voice in his battered right ear as they clinched, bulging muscle straining, arms snagging and wrenching:

"You're licked—go down, y'r fool! I don't want to kill y'r!"

THEN the referee's shirt-sleeve came between them, its linen soiled.

"Break!" Joe heard him snarl "Break, blast you—break!"

He was panting. His face was distorted and perspiration was trickling over his cheekbones as he prised the two apart.

Out of the dimness beyond the hot light of the arcs, spectators were bawling and the roar they made was like that of some leashed and squatting animal, raging.

They were howling for Buck to finish it. Only Joe wouldn't let him finish it, because Jenny was sick and Jenny believed in fairies—and Joe had thought it would be a good idea to buy her one.

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He had seen the fairy he was going to buy.

It was in a shop in the West End, and if it wasn't a real fairy, it should have been. It was a doll so delicate, so marvellously fashioned that it seemed alive.

They were paying Joe a pound a round to fight as substitute for the man who was afraid of Buck. He needed five pounds to buy the doll, and he was only in the fourth round of the fight.

He would get nothing extra if he won, because nobody wanted him to win. Buck was marked as the future heavyweight champion; the big boy who was busily carving his way to world honours and lawsuits.

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Joe was only a set-up, so that the crowd could see Buck show his strength on something which would quiver and grunt when he hit it.

They had always known that Joe could take punishment. He'd have been a good man if he'd had brain behind his strength. He worked as sparring partner now and again, and he laboured sometimes down at the docks; that was how he got a living.

He wasn't in Buck's class.

Buck came in, wet black gloves weaving, his torso rigid with muscle as he rushed.

Joe slipped him, saw his jaw and hooked for it with all he'd got. But his punch didn't even shake Buck, and something inside Joe's aching body groaned silently when he saw that.

He was driven back, crouched and covering, taking punches on elbows and forearms—driven on to the ropes, sliding along them, shaking under the plunging weight of Buck's blows as he tried to break Joe's defence and smash him down.

Joe knew that his strength was going; he had asked too much of his body and had not given it enough. He lacked meat.

He was in a corner now, ducking—covering—swaying. He thought he saw a chance when Buck left himself open, and Joe leaped from the linen-taped post, using both hands.

Buck stiffened, took all that Joe could give him—then handed him a shattering right that rocked him down to his heels.

The arcs went black. The crowd's roar sounded like falling water. Joe knew that he was being hit again—again—again!

He was on the ropes—they were burning his back—he was numb—drooping—and then, like a call out of the dark, he heard the gong!

The arcs blazed out again. The voice of the crowd swelled to thunderous crescendo, and hands on his arms hauled him to his corner.

WATER hit his face, stinging. A block of ice chilled the length of his spine. A bottle rammed against his numbed nose and ammonia fumes jolted his brain, so that he could see Dido's face jerking in front of him, silhouetted against a towel that slapped the air behind.

"You're licked!" he heard Dido say. "Turn it up!"

Joe felt his second's hand press on his diaphragm, a finger loosening his trunks so that he might breathe easily.

Something stung like salt on his right ear as another handler tried to stop its bleeding, then he saw the M.C.'s head come over the top of the

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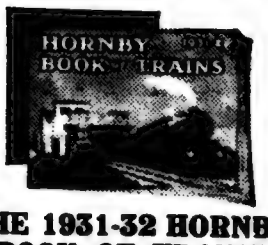

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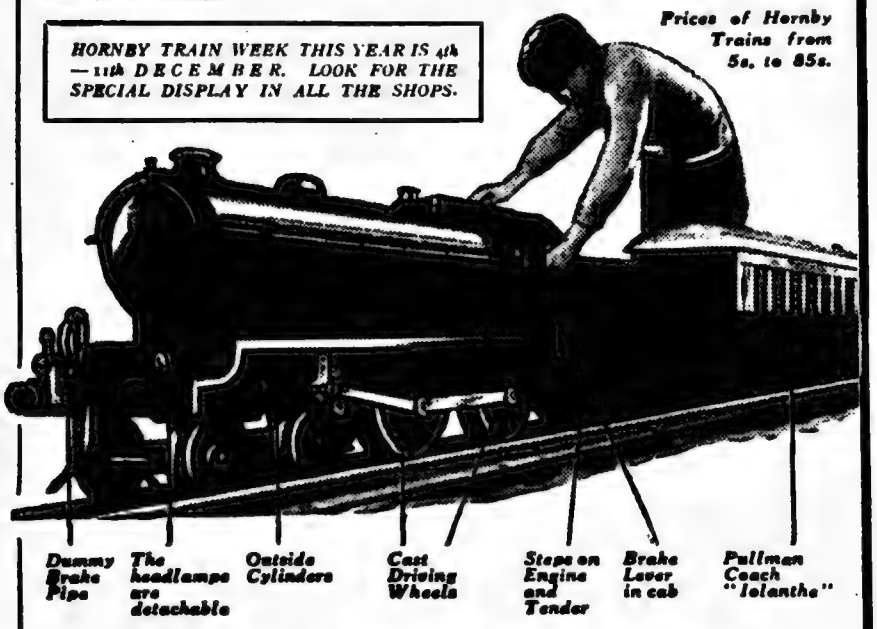

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FIVE POUNDS' WORTH

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"In the middle of the ring stood a dazed and bloodied gorilla who kept telling himself that now he could go and buy a fairy doll."

ropes, and heard him call to the referee.

"Pack it up, Sammy—he's beat!"

The referee nodded, then came to Joe's corner, bending before him to look at his ear.

Joe knew that was only for the benefit of the crowd. He'd seen it all done before. They were going to stop the fight—and he had only done four rounds!

He swung an arm and knocked Dido's head out of the way, straining up and glaring at the referee's sweating features.

"I ain't finished!" he panted.

"You can't go on, Joe! You're——"

"I can go another round!"

Joe struggled against his handlers, rising off his stool, shouting, getting to his feet in spite of all they could do to hold him down.

"I ain't licked!" he bawled.

The referee thrust a hand against his chest, and men pulled Joe back to the post. He raged there, and the crowd guessed what was happening. They roared angrily.

They wanted to see Buck pull off a knock-out. They had paid their money, and no referee was going to cheat them!

Men stood up and shook their fists. They were on Joe's side now—let him go in and be murdered!

In the middle of it, the gong's strumming note clanged through the uproar.

JOE was in the fifth round.

At a pound a round, he had got his fiver—only the dirty perishers had tried to rob him of it!

He saw Buck coming out of his corner, with water shining where it was cupped above his shoulder-blades.

He looked at Joe—with his hair wet and his ugly face like a leather mask, with his chest red-raw from punches, and one shoulder deckled crimson where blood-spots from his ear had dropped to the wet skin.

He was savage and wild—and Buck liked them that way. He had received orders to let Joe come on for one brief minute and exhaust himself, then Buck's manager would hammer on the boards—and that would be the signal for Buck to go in and give the crowd their money's worth.

So Buck boxed now, backing round the ring. His knuckles nagged at Joe's biceps, taking the sting out of his blows. He snapped half-arm punches to the short ribs to sap his wind, and he cleverly slipped the black gloves which came seeking his jaw.

The crowd yelled. This near-champion was clever. Joe wasn't touching him!

For a minute it lasted, then diamond rings flashed in Buck's corner, and his manager bit through his cigar as he hammered his fist on the edge of the boards.

Buck heard. He drew off, slipped to the middle of the ring and tensed as he saw Joe coming at him in a blundering, tired rush.

Buck swayed and his right crossed in a punch which travelled fastest in the last two inches before it found Joe's chin.

Joe's arms folded on the air. He turned on one foot, then swayed like a felled oak before he crashed to the canvas.

"One!" said the referee eagerly. "Two!—Three!"

His white arm sawed the air. The crowd was standing, howling as Joe writhed, trying to get up.

"Four!—Five!—"

He was coming up, dragging his knees under him, shaking his head, red jewels falling from his ear as he moved.

"Six!—Seven!—Eight!—"

He was up—swaying—looking at Buck! And Buck was spreading out his gloves, appealing to the referee, asking him to stop the slaughter.

The referee turned to Joe and half-raised one hand—for Joe to plant a glove on his shirt-front and push him aside, facing Buck again—coming on—hitting out!

Buck blocked the blows.

Well, if Joe wanted it, he should have it!

Buck drew off and crouched. The crowd saw him quivering. They knew what was coming; one of those smashing rights that cracked home from a leaping punch, finding its billet with both of Buck's feet off the ground!

He jumped, launching the punch amidst a howl that shook the timbers of the roof—and Joe ducked.

He ducked, with his left arm as stiff as a beam and coming forward to catch Buck where nerves centred at the solar plexus, with the braced strength of Joe's body behind the jarring glove.

Buck went over sideways.

His face turned to the arcs, showing the whites of his eyes. He hit the floor and lay there, twitching.

The referee gave him two seconds before he started the count—but Buck was still there when the count ended, and the crowd said that it was a foul.

Buck's second said so, too.

The ring filled with men, and in the middle of it stood a dazed and bloodied gorilla who kept telling himself that now he could go and buy a fairy doll. The manager's office was crowded when Joe got there after he had dressed. One eye was puffed and dark, and his ear was still bleeding.

At first he thought they were not going to give him his money, and that frightened him.

"A pound a round, you said!" he told the manager. "I went into the fifth round!"

"You pulled off a lucky punch," the manager snarled, "that's all you did!"

"Five quid I want!" Joe answered.

"You ought to have known better than to do that to a good boy!" bawled the manager of the hall. "Why didn't you quit when you was down?"

"Five rounds I went," Joe told him. "You promised——"

"You were beat! You made a clown of him, doing that! It's a wonder there wasn't a riot—and here's your money!"

Angry men pulled at Joe's arms and shouted at him, while he counted the five notes carefully before he rolled them up in his numbed hand and bulled his way back to the door.

The voices still rang in his ears when he reached the cool air outside, and started to walk. The fight went out of his mind; it was a detail.

"Measles ain't so much," he told himself. "And Jenny's getting better, anyway."

He tramped on. He was hurt inside, and his hands were sore. He kept flicking at his ear, because it burned.

He could see the fairy in the window, and he rang the bell at the side door. It was Joe's luck that the owner of the shop was a man who lived on his job, and he came in answer to the bell.

"I want that," Joe said, and pointed towards the window. "Here's the money."

"My shop's closed," the dark little man answered.

"That one there, the blue one," Joe said unheedingly. "I've been in a fight," he explained, "and I've come for it."

The man saw the money and he got the doll from the window, and Joe stepped into the hall the better to see it.

HE held the fairy up, watching the play of light on its spangles, watching the wand wave and the head turn when the man wound up the mechanism, and listening to the tinkling of the tiny musical box inside the slender figure.

"That's pretty," Joe said. "All right, shove it in a box!"

He bent over the box, and his ear still dripped while the man wrapped up the fairy doll.

* * *

At eight o'clock the next morning, a bruised eye was peering through the crack of Jenny's door. Joe had been standing half an hour in the chilly passage, waiting for her to waken.

He saw her rouse. He saw her flushed face lift and he saw the wondering look in her eyes as she sighted the haze of blue beside her bed.

All the soreness went out of Joe's muscles when he heard her gurgle of delight, but he waited until the wand had stopped moving and the fairy bells had stopped tinkling before he went into the room.

He explained to her that the gnomes must have brought it in during the night.

"I didn't hear them—and, oh, look, daddy! There's a spot on her frock. It's bleed!"

"Is it? Then I reckon one of the gnomes must have hurt himself a bit, bringing it in?"

"Which gnomes were they, daddy? The ugly ones that clean the fairy queen's coach?"

"Yes, one o' them, Jenny."

"Are the gnomes very ugly, daddy?"

"I reckon so—just about as ugly as me," said Joe.

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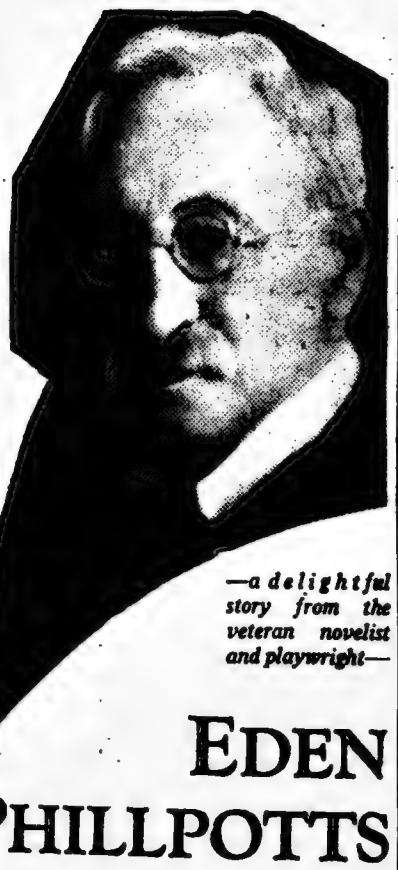

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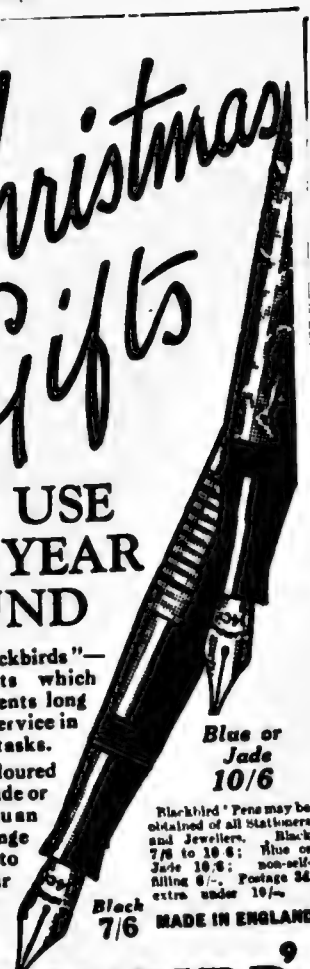

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PANDEMONIUM in PARLIAMENT

SOME lively scenes in Parliament may be expected when Members get back from their Christmas holidays. Storms have been brewing which are almost sure to burst before the session is very old.

But, though the "naughty boys" among our M.P.s sometimes break the rules which the Mother of Parliaments lays down for them to obey, it is equally true that, compared with some of the Continental Parliaments, ours is a model of decorum.

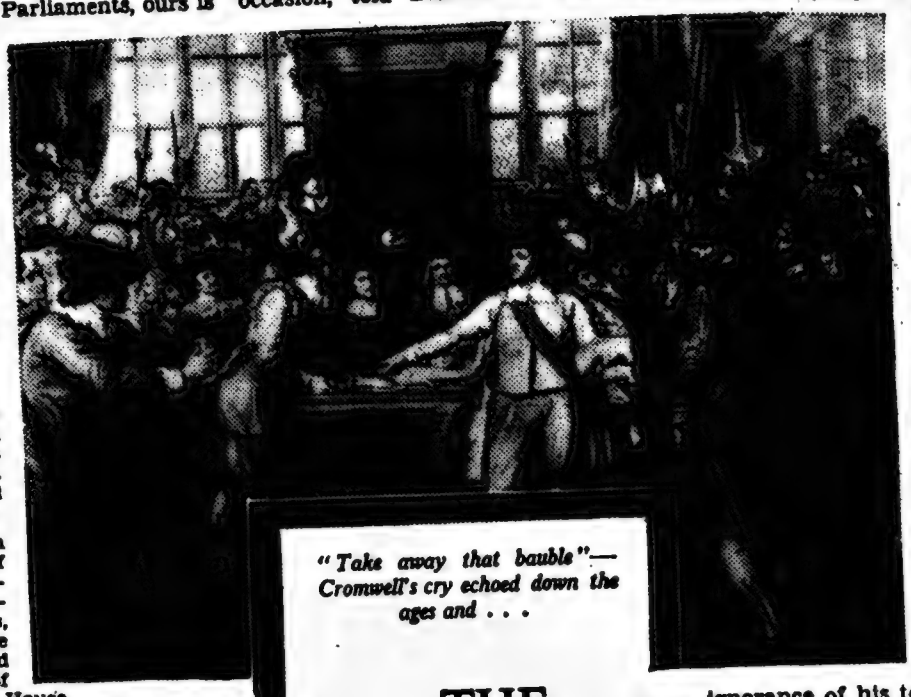
For instance, we never get things like this:

Three years ago one of the Government M.P.s in the Yugo-Slav Parliament drew a revolver during a heated debate, shot two of the Opposition ex-Ministers dead, wounded three other Members, and made his escape in a high-powered motor car.

Dr. Friedrich Adler, Leader of one of the Austrian Opposition Parties, shot his Prime Minister dead on the steps of the Parliament House.

Poland's M.P.s, when they assembled for their 1929 session, found a hundred officers armed with revolvers on duty in the Chamber, determined not to let them begin their business.

What is more, our M.P.s to-day are much better behaved than the Members who represented our fathers and grandfathers.



"Take away that bauble"—Cromwell's cry echoed down the ages and . . .

THE BAD BOYS OF THE HOUSE

IT is true, of course, that they get a little high spirited at times. Only last year Mr. John Beckett ran away with the Mace; five back benchers—Mr. McGovern, Mr. Buchanan, Mr. Beckett, Mr. Kinley and Mr. Maxton—were involved in a free fight on the floor of the House and had to be dragged out by the Sergeant-at-Arms' messengers. One-legged "Jim" Simmons slapped Earl Winterton's face with an order paper.

Yet the rows we have nowadays are tame by comparison with those which used to disturb the Parliamentary peace.

One of the worst scenes during the Irish debates before the war was when Mr. Ronald MacNeill (now Lord Cushendun) threw a heavy brass-bound book across the House at Mr. Churchill. His aim was good, and the brass binding gave Winston's cheek a nasty cut.

In another of the pre-war Irish debates twelve Nationalist Members so repeatedly defied the Speaker that he had to call in a detachment of police to eject them. The policemen frog-marched the obstreperous Members out, one by one, with such effect that the last few promised to go quietly!

The late Lord Birkenhead, when he sat in the Commons, by tongue and tone invited trouble, and during one of his speeches on the Parliament Bill in 1911 he was howled at for five minutes without a stop. Mr. Speaker saw it was no use trying to continue, and adjourned the House.

Mr. Asquith, when Prime Minister, was also howled down with cries of "Traitor."

During an Irish Home Rule debate Mr. T. P. O'Connor shouted "Judas!" at Mr. Joseph Chamberlain. There was a free fight at once, with Mr. Gladstone standing in his place vainly appealing to the Members to sit down.

Then there was another "Irish" scene—between Mr. John Dillon and Mr. Chamberlain. Dillon had used the word "Traitor" in an interruption. "He is a good judge of traitors," retorted Joe.

"The right honourable gentleman is a damned liar," was John's next effort. But the exchanges of courtesy did not get any further, because at this point Dillon was suspended.

Nineteenth century manners in the House left quite a lot to be desired. Disraeli once called a Member "a vulture." Daniel O'Connell, on another occasion, told Disraeli he was "the lineal descendant of the impenitent thief on the cross." Major O'Gorman, one of Ireland's representatives, told a fellow-Member to "Go to hell or Connaught!"

MACAULAY, in his diary of June 11, 1840, wrote: "The House was engaged on Stanley's Irish Registration Bill. I have never seen such unmannerly demeanour or heard such scurrilous language used in Parliament. Lord Norrys was whistling and making all sorts of noises. Lord Maidstone was so ill-mannered that I hope he was drunk.

"After much grossly indecent conduct a furious outbreak took place. Men on both sides stood up, shook their fists and bawled at the top of their voices."

A bit farther back it was quite the regular thing to find not only Members but Ministers sprawling about the House—drunk. Pitt, the Prime Minister, was drunk on the Treasury bench more than once. On one occasion, while the leader of the Opposition was speaking, he was so drunk that he staggered to the door of the House, and then came back, slightly sobered, and made a speech in reply.

Then there was the wealthy Sir George Rose, who came into the House "blind drunk" and asked Mr. Speaker to "sing us a comic song."

He was told to beg the Speaker's pardon. But he was in a stupid mood. "I wouldn't beg any man's pardon," he answered. "Not even King George's, let alone that funny little chap with the big wig."

For his bad manners he was locked up in the Clock Tower by the Sergeant-at-Arms.

In the days of Pitt and Fox it was a usual thing to see Members sitting about the House sucking oranges or cracking nuts.

We don't have our M.P.s doing that nowadays. And the Sergeant-at-Arms does not have to send them to the Clock Tower. On the whole, the House seems to be a much better behaved place than it used to be.

If they are not to transgress at all, Members have to learn quite a lot of rules, drawn up to regulate their conduct:

They must not smoke in the Lobby or the Chamber, for instance. A few years ago a recruit nearly sent the old Members into hysterics by lighting up his pipe as he sat on the green benches, puffing away in blissful ignorance of his terrible offence.

They must not read newspapers as they sit in the House; nor talk to their neighbours, unless in a whisper, or walk between Mr. Speaker and a Member who is addressing the House.

Their vocabulary, too, must be very carefully guarded. They are not allowed to call another Member a liar, nor a traitor, nor even a windbag. All these terms have been ruled out of order by Mr. Speaker at one time or another. So also have:

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If a Member disapproves of another's speech he must not hiss. If he likes it he must not clap. The appropriate method of applauding is by saying "Hear, hear." He must not unnecessarily interrupt an opponent's speech, nor must he try to obstruct the business of the House.

Mr. Speaker sometimes turns a blind eye to a novice who breaks these rules, but he comes down heavily upon any one who wilfully defies authority.

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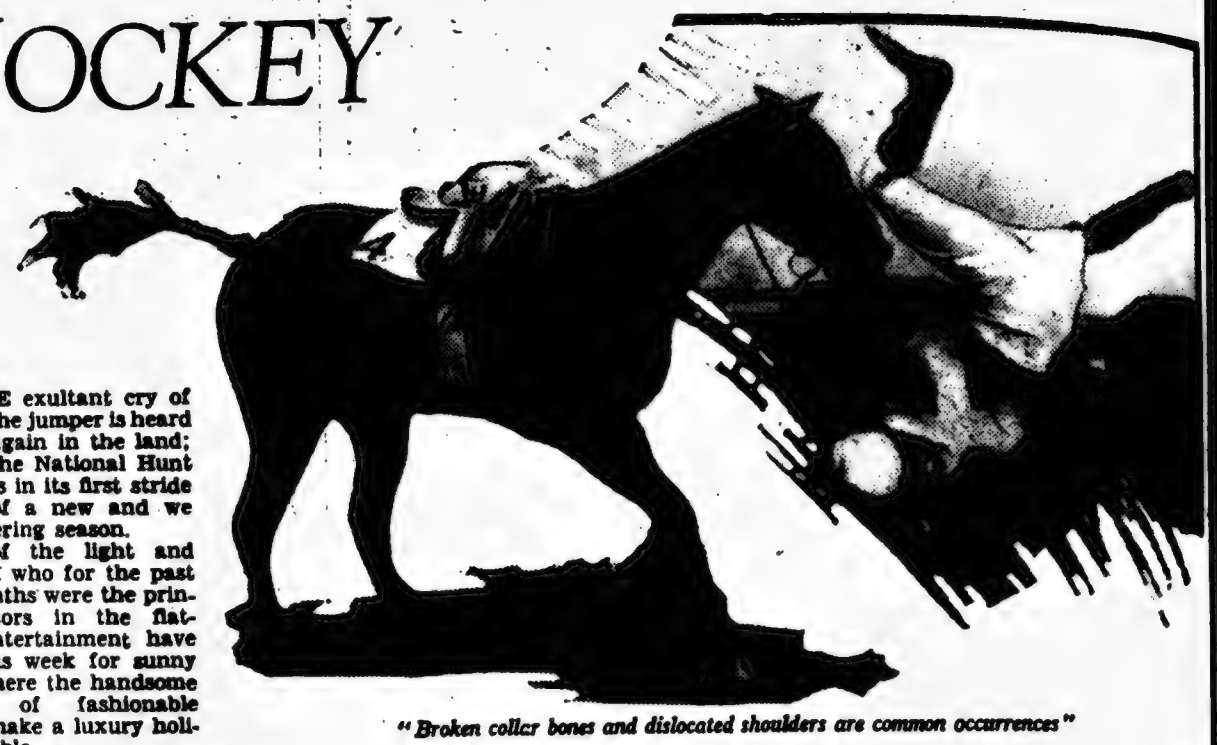

"Broken collar bones and dislocated shoulders are common occurrences"

THE exultant cry of the jumper is heard again in the land; the National Hunt is in its first stride of a new and we hope cheering season.

Most of the light and little men who for the past eight months were the principal actors in the flat-racing entertainment have sailed this week for sunny climes where the handsome incomes of fashionable jockeys make a luxury holiday possible.

Their places in the dressing-rooms of the racecourses are now occupied by taller and heavier lean-faced men who do not need to starve themselves in order to get down to minimum riding weights.

"We starve automatically," say the jumping jockeys, "because we are so poorly rewarded compared with our brethren of the flat."

This is only too true.

Not one professional "break-neck" jockey in twenty gets even a retainer from the owners for whom he rides.

A crack lightweight on the flat, who is not required to take a fraction of the risks which the steeplechase and hurdles jockey cheerfully faces every time he goes to the starting-gate, may get as much as £5,000 a year for first claim from one owner, £2,000 for a second, and £1,000 for a third claim.

In addition, there come to him numerous fat presents when he rides the winners of classic or important handicap races.

Few big prizes

Yet a steeplechase jockey of the calibre of Fred Rees or Billy Speck would consider himself fortunate if he could be certain of an income of £1,000 yearly from one or two owners.

The truth is that in money values there is practically no profit for anyone connected with jumping, least of all the jockeys.

Still, the expenses of a jumping-jockey are little less than those of the leading riders on the flat. They amount to not less than £15 weekly for travelling and hotels, and, although many of them cannot afford a valet, everyone strives to do so because of the prestige which accrues.

Also, they have to provide their own accoutrement, such as riding boots at 70s. to 90s. per pair, breeches and spurs, and, in addition, have to contribute heavily to insurance schemes against the inevitable day of accident.

It is common for a steeplechase rider to go for a week without getting a single mount, and in that time he may have travelled to three or four meetings on the chance of doing so. Of course, if he rides a winner, the jumping jockey receives a minimum fee of £10. But he is lucky if he has 25 to 30 winning rides in a season, and many do not have a dozen successes.

The 'chasing jockey is always in the wars. If he has the bad fortune to be smashed up early in the season before money can be saved it is tragic that in far too many instances he has to rely largely upon the charity of friends.

Broken collarbones and dislocated shoulders are common occurrences, and these disabilities are counted only as minor mishaps.

Perhaps the most fortunate jockey who ever took a fence was W. Dollery, of Arthur Yates' stable. He rode in the Grand National on numerous occasions during a career of nearly twenty years, and even after tackling the mighty obstacles of the Aintree course he would return to the dressing-room without the tiniest scratch.

Only once, riding regularly year after year and race after race, did he receive a fracture—at Plymouth, where he broke a collarbone.

With the race crowds of to-day there is no more popular horseman than Captain R. E. Sassoon, the wealthy amateur rider. His enthusiasm for the sport seems without limit, and when he takes a toss the spectators disregard the progress of the field and focus their glasses on the fallen figure in anxious concern.

Few riders on the turf get heartier ovations than the gallant captain when he comes back to unsaddle.

"There goes £2,000,000 in the air," shout the bookmakers every time Captain Sassoon takes a fence—an envious allusion to this plucky amateur's wealth.

There is no more foolish rule in the National Hunt sport than one which requires that, to keep amateur status, a gentleman rider must have a certain amount of income or follow another occupation.

Millions in the air!

Among prominent jockeys who were formerly described as "Mr." but who have had to rank as professionals without title in consequence of this snobbery are Jack Anthony, R. Everett, A. Stubbs and Major Doyle.

They are an adventurous company, however, as are most of our jumping jockeys, notwithstanding the poor prizes they get for facing constant danger.

The greatest menace to their lives and limbs lies in the fact that they are so often called upon to ride improperly schooled horses in public. Their livelihood would be entirely gone if they offended trainers by refusing mounts of the kind, but on these faulty, partly-trained horses they are practically inviting disaster.

To lessen such risks as far as possible, the National Hunt Committee have made it compulsory for jockeys to wear crash-helmets. But the jockeys as a body protested against being compelled to take this precaution, and even now they don their safety helmets without grace.

If poor as a body, they are dauntless fellows. Long may their spirit be typified by an incident in the career of Arthur Yates at the old Croydon course.

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A FEW weeks ago I gave in these notes the Irish jumper Heartbreak Hill for the "Sefton" and, following her easy victory, I mentioned Hy Spy, another "lepper" from the Emerald Isle, as a more likely proposition for the "National."

Since, I have been asked several times for the form of Hy Spy, as it is not obtainable in the English guide books.

Hy Spy's record for 1931 was: 1, 3, 1, 1, 1. On no occasion did he carry under 12 st. and the distances of his races ranged from two to three miles.

This splendid jumper is a son of the Derby winner, Spion Kop, out of Butkova, but, although he is unusually well bred for a 'chaser, he has been reared and trained on the lines which are responsible for making Ireland the home of the real "lepper."

The Irish methods evidently pay, for most of our Grand National winners are bred on the other side of St. George's Channel.

At Sandown Park this week-end I suggest Christopher, Vinicole and Blaris as a trio of "good things."

JOHN BULL'S CODE

The Code for this week is as follows. It covers the racing from Thursday, December 10, to Wednesday, December 16.

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Tainted "preserved" meat, germ-ridden pickles, tea containing iron filings, sweets contaminated by sulphur dioxide, jams adulterated with glucose—such are a few of the perils which threaten the public.

Our own safeguard

It is happily true that goods sold by old-established firms of wide repute, and all nationally-advertised products, can be bought with the utmost confidence. JOHN BULL, for example, under its special guarantee to readers, will accept no food advertisement unless such foods have first of all passed an analyst's purity test.

Unfortunately, while reputable firms are taking the greatest pains to give the public pure products, authority winks drowsily at this scandal. It does not require food manufacturers and canners to register their premises, so that they are free from visits by watchful inspectors. Nor does it provide for the notification of cases of food poisoning to the health authorities.

Consequently there exist in towns throughout the country conditions which are a disgrace to any civilised state.

Bad meat is bought for a few pence per pound by unscrupulous merchants and made into sausages or soups and sold cheaply to the poor housewife.

Rotten fruit is converted into "preserves," impure sugar into sweets, low-grade gherkins and onions into pickles. Vinegar and soups are boiled, in dirty kitchen coppers.

Goods are handled by unclean workers and packed in tins or containers which increase the infection of their contents. There is nothing to prevent a verminous worker, or one suffering from some skin complaint or a cut hand from preparing and packing foodstuffs.

Food-mongers unchecked

A few alert municipalities have passed by-laws to deal with this amazing state of affairs. Leeds enforces very stringent regulations for the sanitary conditions in the manufacture and transport of all articles intended for its citizens' consumption.

Sheffield requires that the medical officer of health shall be promptly notified of the occurrence of food poisoning in his area. In Exeter all premises where potted or preserved foods are prepared must be registered.

But in scores of towns, large and small, the bad food-monger carries on his trade without fear of interference.

In London—home of nine million people—a move is only now being made to remedy the evil. After months of discussion and consideration it is proposed to introduce a London County Council Bill into Parliament to deal with the subject. Even after the passage of the measure, however, some time must elapse before the belated restrictions are put into operation.

Yet the gravity and urgency of the problem was strikingly proved by a case which was brought to the attention of the Council last May.

Christmas poison

Infected chocolates, given away as prizes, were traced to the maker, whose premises were visited by officials of the local health authority. The result was that hundreds of boxes of chocolates were seized as being unfit for food and removed for destruction.

The Christmas festivities will naturally offer these rogues a ready opportunity to dispose of inferior goods in unfair competition with hundreds of scrupulous makers whose goods are literally household words.

Any sweets, chocolates or other foodstuffs received as prizes or gifts should be carefully examined to see that they are of reputable make.

Despite the restriction on the sale of unwholesome food under an old Act, it is plain that large quantities of such food are openly sold by small shops in the poor quarters.

The housewife with a meagre purse cannot be blamed for buying articles which enable her to save a few pence; the shopkeeper may not know that he is literally handing disease carriers across his counter.

The recently-issued annual report of the Ministry of Health gives some slight indication of the extent of this menace to the nation.

Fifty-three samples of canned foods that were analysed were found to be contaminated; thirty-eight samples of sweets contained an excess of sulphur dioxide, some were tainted by tar, while zinc was found in sauce and corned beef.

Tinned "salmon," however, is probably the chief product of the unscrupulous canner. Stale fish is bought at "knock-out" prices, dyed and packed by hand in cheap tins to which a little cottonseed oil is added.

Sardines are treated similarly; tongue which is canned when "on the turn" offers a particularly high profit, and there is a big market for inferior vegetables, treacle, soups and spices.

Food canners of repute are fully alive to the harm which the sale of these tainted products may cause to a new and fast-growing industry. The trade associations rigorously ban any food maker or canner whose methods are considered open to objection, and there is a growing demand that their members shall be protected against the poisoned-food ramp.

Try the traitors!

Many important firms voluntarily take the most careful precautions in their various processes. Some have established large and costly laboratories, where skilled chemists test raw materials and the partly-finished products, and samples are taken and tested after manufacture.

"We would cordially welcome any measure which made for more hygienic conditions in the production of food-stuffs," declares a British firm which possesses one of the greatest canneries in the world.

But no such measure is likely to be passed by Parliament. The Factories Bill, a clause in which would cover the whole situation, has been shelved by successive Governments, and there is little prospect of it being speedily passed into law.

It is left to a few local boroughs to find a remedy for the evil. Such niggling with a grave and immediate problem is not enough. It is high time that a national drive was made against these traitors to national health.

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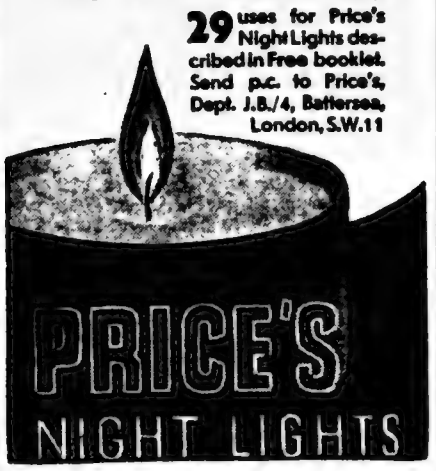

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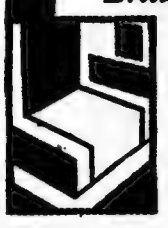

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HUMAN DOCUMENTS

UNDER the SPELL of a SPIRIT CHARLATAN

FOR some years past my wife has suffered with an ailment which had latterly begun to yield to the careful treatment of the family doctor.

Quite recently a spiritualist friend of hers spoke to her on the subject of spirit healing. Wearying of the somewhat slow progress she was making and misled by stories of miraculous spirit cures, she yielded to the idea of visiting a local alleged medium.

After her third visit the family doctor announced that my wife's ailment had undergone a peculiar change for the better, almost too sudden to be lasting. He said she was under the influence of a form of mental excitation which took her mind from her physical condition, but which would result in nervous exhaustion.

To make things worse my wife of her own accord dismissed the doctor, telling him she was in more able hands.

I obtained an introduction to the medium without disclosing my identity, dropping a casual hint to a friend of the medium that I was suffering from kidney trouble.

My plan worked, for at the first meeting with the medium, who was supposed to be in a trance, I was informed by the spirit of a Japanese doctor that I was suffering from a diseased kidney, but that under his treatment it would gradually disappear.

This sounded suspicious, as I am fit and have never had an illness in my life. So I decided on drastic measures to confirm this fraudulency.

A few evenings later, whilst the Japanese doctor was supposedly testing my kidneys by prodding them, I jabbed a pin into his hand. The medium not only jumped violently, but stifled a common English exclamation. A few seconds later he was again speaking the meaningless gibberish which he said was Japanese.

But I watched him closely, and, thinking he was safe, the medium half opened one eye quickly when his hand was pricked, looked round, and closed it again.

This man is an impostor preying on the faith of good-hearted people, and I dread the thought of my wife finding out this fraud.

At present her faith has checked the illness temporarily, but I know that reaction must set in where medical treatment is neglected.

Am I justified in re-engaging my old doctor and telling both him and my wife the truth?

"HUMANIST" says: The medium you mention is obviously a humbug and a charlatan. No spirit healer can cure a badly diseased heart or any organic malady. But your wife's health must be your main—your only consideration.

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MR. Philip Inman, House Governor of Charing Cross Hospital, and contributor to JOHN BULL of that collection of appealing true life stories, "The Human Touch," needs no introduction.

We are glad to be able to announce that Mr. Inman has agreed to become JOHN BULL'S "Humanist," a role which he is eminently fitted to fill.

Our readers are invited to bring their own problems to him through the post, addressed as usual to "Humanist," JOHN BULL. Send a stamped addressed envelope. For the most interesting problems published JOHN BULL will pay £2 2s., £1 1s., and 10s. 6d.

"The Greatest of These—" Fund

Our Christmas Stocking

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The warp and woof of our stocking are threads of fine gold: offerings of love to meet the needs of those genuinely poor families who have no prospect of a Christmas feast; whose kiddies' little socks and stockings must hang limp and empty on the bed-rail; whose Christmas dinner will consist of "bread and marg," because Daddy has been so long out of work, his "dole" has been stopped, and there is next to nothing coming in.

We invite our readers to creep into countless poor rooms, through the Fund's chimney, and fill not only the children's socks with good things, but the hearts of fathers and mothers with joy. Don't let them have to tell their kiddies that Santa Claus has forgotten to call this year.

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And to show how happy our subscribers have made some of the cases for whom we have appealed, we quote a letter which we have just received:

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"Never will I forget your kindness to us and the interest you took in our case and the kindness of those readers who sent the money and clothes."

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TAKE THE PLUNGE, *greengrocer!*

MY livelihood comes from my small greengrocer's business, which belonged to my father before me. I don't make a lot of money, but sufficient to keep my wife and myself.

The neighbourhood in which we live has grown rapidly, and my premises are scarcely big enough to cope with the increasing trade. Across the road a row of up-to-date shops has just been built, and the agent tells me that unless I take one of them it will be occupied by a rival concern.

It would mean risking most of my small savings, and, besides, I hate the idea of leaving my old home where I was born.

Would you advise me to stay on and fight the competition, which I am afraid will be serious, or am I too old at fifty-two to make a change?

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One day after a recent fitting she complained of faintness, and I was forced to catch her in my arms to prevent her from falling. I am sure it was only a pretence, and I feel that a net is being woven around me.

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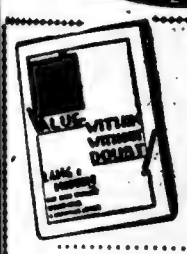

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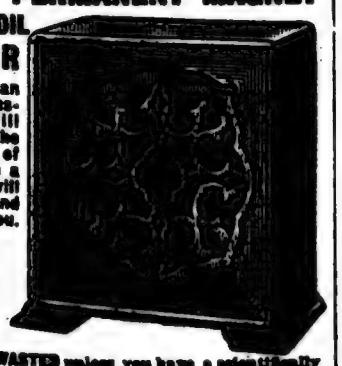

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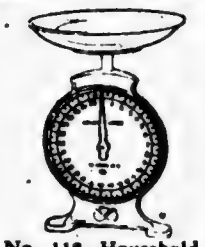

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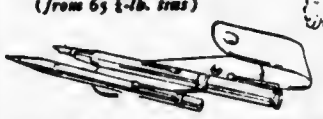

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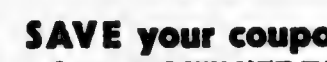

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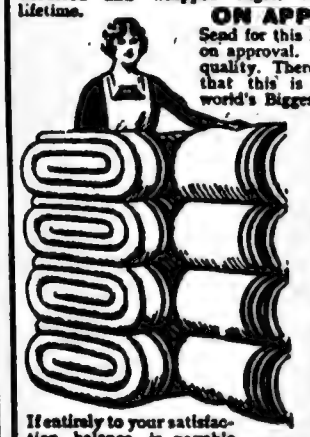

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I LOVE London because its people, while being kindly and broadly tolerant, have a natural gift for minding their own private affairs and have no time or inclination to pry into other people's.

Only in London is it possible to live in a street for years without even knowing the names of your neighbours.—*Cockney, London, N.15.*

Sabbath Gloom

Its Puritan attitude towards Sunday makes a day of gloom. The most desolate city in England on that day; young people can only wander about almost deserted streets. No kinemas, concerts, amusements, all cafés closed and everywhere the appearance of a city of the dead.

The sight of little children gazing sadly at locked playgrounds on the day they could fully enjoy them makes me hate the city I live in.—*Broadminded, Hull.*

Dream Town

When a little toddler, I and another little toddler collided at the street corner and sympathetically dried each other's tears.

Almost twenty years later, after a futile search for my little playmate, we met and collided again at the self-same corner, each in a hurry to keep an appointment. There were no tears, but apologies led to a renewal of friendship, and later, marriage.

So it is my dream town.—*M. H., Altrincham.*

A Hateful Beauty

I have been cursed to spend my days in Edinburgh, whose picturesque beauty is equalled only by its narrow puritanism and provincialism.

Its splendid buildings, its glorious natural background, its fine streets, its wonderful shops, and its scope for practice of the fine arts mock one who is no more than a drudge in one of its squalid areas.

I hate my home town most of all because I know that however hard I might try to escape from it, its irresistible fascination would draw me back.—*C. L. E., Edinburgh.*

That Saxpence!

Our place has the reputation of being the meanest in existence, yet in two years we have contributed half a million pounds to provide the finest free, comprehensive hospital system in the world, under municipal control.

We have comparatively more open space in public parks than any city, *and we do pay our wireless licences!*

Three Aberdeen "heids" are—Archbishop of Canterbury, Sir Arthur Keith and Sir George Milne.

"Here's tae us. Wha's like us?"—*Allan J. Mackie, Aberdeen.*

The Black Sheep

I hate my home town because when I was younger I was considered the black sheep of the family, and the inhabitants of the neighbourhood were all aware of my misdeeds, often magnified. Now that work has brought me to another town, I seem to have commenced a new happy life among strangers, who treat me as they find me.—*J. B., East Ham (now).*

Two Kinds, Only

My little Welsh home town has a population of 7,000—3,500 "Church" and 3,500 "Chapel." All other considerations are subservient to this arch distinction. A man has no merit unless he is of the "Chapel," and there is no health in him unless he is of the "Church."

Thus is life poisoned in the most charmingly situated little town in our fair country.—*Bigoted, N. Wales.*

For Sally

"SHE" lives down in our Alley—that's the chief reason at the present moment why I love my home town.—*E. S., Mile End, London.*

Somebody—Now

Because I have been pushed on one side by hurrying crowds of a huge city. I came home and *lived!*

Each street held a welcome; each shop window a smile; my arm ached from friendly handshakes and my bruised pride was made whole.

Yesterday I was a nonentity—to-day I am a somebody.—*J. J. C., Carlisle.*

MY NEW YEAR RESOLVE BY LORD BRENTFORD

WE all look forward to next year vaguely hoping for better things—will it be prosperous, shall we be happy? It depends on ourselves.

If each one fights for himself alone, the year will not be prosperous, and it will not be happy. We were taught as children to make new resolutions for the New Year. Let us then resolve that we will work and think and pray that all our actions, words and thoughts shall be in the first place for others, rather than self, not for what we can get out of the world, but for what we can put into it.

I HAVE always felt that our crowning sin is selfishness. If there was one man who ever lived on this earth a life of pure and entire unselfishness, it was the man Christ Jesus. Whatever views my readers may have of His divine authority, there can be no doubt on that point, He lived here for others.

Let our resolution then comprise an effort to get as near as possible to living our life for others and then I think we may reasonably hope that 1932 will be prosperous and happy for ourselves and for the nation.

Lord Brentford's stirring New Year message to JOHN BULL inspires us to invite readers to send us their own New Year Resolve. Ten shillings is paid for letters published. The limit of these letters is 100 words. Envelopes, marked "Letter Parliament," must reach us by first post on Tuesday, December 15.

Port of Pride

For its enterprise now and in the past
For its civic ability and alertness; th
kindly hospitality of its people; its cos
mopolitanism; its varied crowds. Fo
the ships which bring their cargoes to it
warehouses.

For a river very good to look on, broa
and stately, clean and sea-swept ever
tide, the bringer and the bearer of it
prosperity. For these things I love m
home town.—*H. R., Liverpool.*

Dirty, but Lovable

I once heard a German say, "Man
chester is the hub of the world; but nee
it be so dirty?"

Our beautiful buildings are hidde
under a coating of black grime. Th
housewife's life is one continual struggl
against black dirt.

The sun is seldom seen, because it can
not penetrate the pall of smoke whic
hangs over our city—so while I love m
birthplace I hate its dirt.—*M. A., Man
chester.*

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Exile abroad teaches the Englishma
to cherish thought of his home tow
until it hurts sometimes.—*H. T. R
Westminster.*

I was away too long, and now I am bac
nobody knows or cares a hang about m
—*J. S. M., Paisley.*

My home town citizens are the averag
mixture of saints, sinners and neithe
yet its weal or woe deeply stirs me.—
F. P., Dean Forest.

Because the old folk still keep th
home fire burning for their now middle
aged family.—*S. T., Ilford.*

I hate it because, though I am forty, n
one can forget I was in the workhous
as a child.—*Fed Up, Kempston.*

I hate it because the power discourag
factories and new enterprises.—*Unem
ployed, Canterbury.*

Popular elsewhere as a comedian, m
home town is the only one which ev
gave me "the bird."—*J. R., Sunderland.*

OUR EXPERT'S CUP SELECTIONS

Matches played on December 12

ENGLISH CUP—SECOND ROUND PROPER.

(1) Bath City v. CRYSTAL PALACE.
*(2) TRANMERE v. Bristol Rovers.
(3) Scunthorpe v. Q. P. RANGERS.
(4) LINCOLN v. Luton.
(5) Gainsboro' v. WATFORD.
(6) Darwen v. Chester.
(7) New Brighton v. HULL.
**(8) FULHAM v. Yeovil.
(9) Burton Town v. GATESHEAD.
(10) HALIFAX v. Accrington.
(11) Carlisle v. DARLINGTON.
(12) BRENTFORD v. Norwich.
(13) Cardiff v. Orient.
(14) Brighton v. Barrow or Doncaster.
(15) Northampton v. SOUTHEND.
*(16) BOSCOMBE v. Blyth Spartans.
(17) ALDERSHOT v. Crook.

LEAGUE MATCHES.
FIRST DIVISION.

(1) EVERTON v. Middlesbrough.
(2) Sunderland v. WEDNESDAY.
*(3) ARSENAL v. Huddersfield.
(4) BIRMINGHAM v. West Ham.
(5) BLACKBURN v. Leicester.
(6) Blackpool v. NEWCASTLE.
*(7) DERBY v. Grimsby.
(8) MANCHESTER C. v. Bolton.
(9) PORTSMOUTH v. Liverpool.
(10) SHEFFIELD U. v. Villa.
(11) W. B. ALBION v. Chelsea.

SECOND DIVISION.

(1) Millwall v. BRADFORD.
*(2) PLYMOUTH v. Preston.
(3) BARNSLEY v. Chesterfield.
*(4) BRADFORD C. v. Manchester U.
(5) Bristol C. v. Southampton.
(6) BURY v. Charlton.
**(7) LEEDS v. Tottenham.
(8) NOTTS COUNTY v. Burnley.
(9) Oldham v. STOKE.
(10) Port Vale v. Wolves.
(11) SWANSEA v. Notts Forest.

SOUTHERN SECTION.

(1) READING v. Torquay.
(2) Coventry v. Mansfield.

NORTHERN SECTION.

(1) HARTLEPOOLS v. Rochdale.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE.

*(1) HAMILTON v. Morton.
(2) Third Lanark v. Motherwell.
(3) Aberdeen v. RANGERS.
**(4) CELTIC v. Airdrie.
(5) Dundee v. PARTICK.
(6) Falkirk v. Clyde.
(7) HEARTS v. Cowdenbeath.
(8) KILMARNOCK v. Dundee U.
(9) QUEEN'S PARK v. Leith.
**(10) ST. MIRREN v. Ayr.

Probable winners are set in CAPITALS. Where no distinction is made a draw is likely. Best selections are marked with two asterisks and next best with one.

OUR FIVE-STAR CODE

As injuries to players and consequent alterations in teams may affect the chances of different clubs, we shall publish last-minute JOHN BULL selections in code in the *Daily Herald* and *Sporting Life* each Friday morning.

Division and number will be quoted as above, together with *H* for home and *A* for away team.

Example Code: English Cup.—8(*H*); Div. I.—1(*H*); Div. II.—7(*H*); Scottish League.—10(*H*) would indicate Fulham, Everton, Leeds and St. Mirren.

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"JOHN BULL" will pay £750 for a correct solution on one square of the puzzle below. Failing a correct solution the prize will be awarded to the reader whose entry is the nearest correct solution. An additional £50 will be divided between those competitors who enter squares containing one error only or only one error more than the winning solution. In addition every cash prize winner in this contest will also receive an extra award of a big "John Bull" Hamper. Solution of puzzle will be published in "John Bull" on sale Thursday, December 24th, and winner in "John Bull" on sale Thursday, December 31st.

Winners in X-Word No. appear on page 18.

Solution of "John Bull" X-Word No. 1

B	A	C	K	■	S	T	E	E	D	■	■	■	■	■
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N	E	E	■	D	O	G	■	N	A	I	L	■	■	■
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L	Y	I	N	G	■	B	R	A	C	E	■	■	■	■

Result will be published next week. The solution of "John Bull" X-word No. 143 given herewith is a matter of interest to our X-word Competitors. We wish to emphasise that no claims are required for this X-word, as all entries are being carefully examined by our staff.

READ THESE RULES CAREFULLY.

RULES AND CONDITIONS.

1.—Complete puzzle in ORDINARY INK, not copying-ink or copying-ink pencil; cut out the whole entry form whether both puzzle squares are used or not. Entry Fee for two squares is SIXPENCE for Four Squares send ONE SHILLING. Make Postal Order payable to Odhams Press Ltd., and cross it & Co.; write name, address and date of posting on back of P.O. and fill in the number upon Entry Form; send Entry Form by post, as directed, to reach us not later than **NOON, Thursday, December 17th.**

2.—No competitor may submit more than two double Entry Forms (Four Squares). Squares left incomplete, mutilated, indistinct or altered will be disqualified. No responsibility is accepted for any entry lost, delayed, not delivered, or mislaid, and no correspondence will be entered into.

3.—Winners of this contest will appear in "John Bull" on sale **Thursday, December 31st.** Should any competitor not announced as a winner have entered a coupon eligible for a share of the £750 prize he must demand a scrutiny by first post **Tuesday, January 12th, 1932,** in accordance with directions given with result weekly. Any such Scrutiny, which may amend the result, must be accepted as final. No scrutiny can be conducted in connection with the additional award of £50 to be divided between the runners-up. Competitors should note that errors are computed according to the number of words which wrongly answer the clues given.

4.—In the event of a tie, a prize will be divided, but no competitor may receive more than one share of it.

5.—Readers in Scotland are debarred from and cannot enter this Competition. Any entry form bearing an address in Scotland will be disqualified.

6.—Failure to comply with any of the conditions involves disqualification.

7.—Employees of Odhams Press Ltd. and members of their families are not eligible.

No claims required.

ENTRY FREE. With two squares send P.O. for SIXPENCE. With four squares send P.O. for ONE SHILLING. See Rule 1.

"JOHN BULL" CROSSWORD No. 145

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JB·145

In entering this Competition I agree to abide by the Editor's decision as final in all matters appertaining thereto, and enclose P.O. No..... P.O. for Sixpence must be enclosed to cover Two Squares, and Shilling P.O. to cover Four Squares.

Readers in Scotland ineligible.

ENTRY FEE for 2 Coupons 6D.

See Rule 5.

SIGNED.....

ADDRESS.....

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CLOSING DATE THURSDAY, DEC. 17

CLUES ACROSS.

1. Is worn round the waist.
4. Is often consulted for information.
9. Weird.
10. Entangles careless angler's line.
11. To fix on a stake.
13. Bricks are dried in.
14. If not right it's left.
15. Mark made by speck of soot.
18. Cook in fat.
20. Otherwise.
22. Is familiar to river man.
27. Open space.
28. It grows on a plant.
30. Poem.
32. Cotton is wound on these.
34. To act anew.
35. Some singers' notes resemble.
36. Regard enviously.
39. All that our M.P. does.
40. Opposite of "him."
41. Brave man.
42. Reason tramp avoids house.

CLUES DOWN.

1. You get, through catching cold.
2. Indian soldier.
3. Affects decision in race.
4. These are baked in a dish.
5. Hackneyed.
6. Difficult fish to hold.
7. Landlord collects these weekly.
12. Early part of day.
16. Sometimes found in kitchen cupboard.
17. Mother does, for her children.
19. Is sometimes hard to swallow.
21. Affects way the case goes.
23. Drawing master teaches this.
24. Turkish women live in these.
25. One gets pip from.
26. Provides something which is worn.
29. Long loose overcoat.
31. Stupid.
33. A yard and a quarter
37. You expect this on race-course.
38. Noah was famed for.

A special prize of £5 will be awarded to the Newsagent from whom this week's first prize winner usually purchases his copy of "John Bull" or his copy of "Passing Show," in conjunction with which journal this contest is conducted. Should the first prize be shared the £5 will be divided between sharers' Newsagents.

"JOHN BULL" CROSSWORD No. 1

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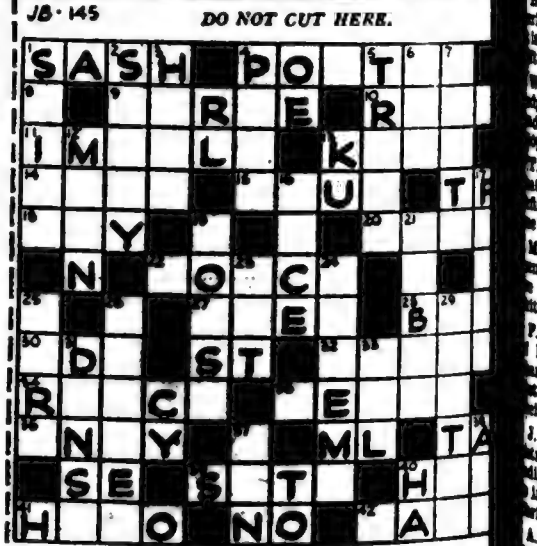

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Readers in Scotland ineligible.

ENTRY FEE for 4 Coupons 1/-

See Rule 5.

SIGNED.....

ADDRESS.....

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CLOSING DATE THURSDAY, DEC. 17

If entering two double Entry Forms, cut them out separately—add name and address to both.

HOW TO ADDRESS ENTRY

Send Entry in envelope bearing 1½d. stamp and post to "John Bull" Crosswords (No. 145), 37, Long Acre, London, W.C.2 (Foo

D. P. (Salisbury).—"A few words from you giving your opinion of a bachelor's life wou'd be appreciated." It's one undarned thing after another.

Write to JOHN BULL About It!

THE EDITOR REPLIES

THE Editor may be flippant on this page, but his humour is never malicious. He likes to end up the week's work on a bright note. Serious questions are dealt with by the expert staff of our Free Advice Service, who will deal with any matter causing anxiety to our readers. Simply send a stamped, addressed envelope with your query.

H. M. (Dorchester).—"I am learning to box through the post." The mailed fist.

Mrs. T. (York).—"My maid heeds a shout in the same manner as she does a ring." So does ours—confound her!

H. G. (Bolton).—"I read this letter through carefully six times before sending it." You beat us by half a dozen.

Mrs. P. (St. Albans).—"My husband has promised to buy a dinner service this Christmas." Mind he doesn't break it.

I. M. (Buckingham).—"In America talkies are shown on long train journeys." In this country, though, we try to make railway travel popular.

N. H. (Whitby).—"I managed to find time to write this article, although I have several irons in the fire." Then put this with them.

F. C. (Deal).—"Our baby daughter has learned to talk." Now you'll have to teach her to keep quiet.

Sandy (Inverness).—"What is the most economical bird to give as a Christmas present?" A homing pigeon.

Mrs. D. (Greenock).—"I can't decide what to give my husband as a Christmas present." What can he afford?

J. P. (Lincoln).—"What is meant by executive ability?" Getting credit for work done by other people.

Tommy (Southend).—"Where can one park a car in London for an hour or two?" In any traffic jam.

C. J. (Bath).—"My girl friends simply race to give me presents at Christmas." What is the result? A tie?

D. K. (York).—"What is your candid opinion of my handwriting?" Buy a typewriter.

D. J. (London, E.).—"He has been convicted seven times for having faulty scales." A lightweight champion.

L. T. (Chelsea).—"Saturday and Sunday I devote to improving my mind." Apparently that's your week-end.

Publican (Stoke-on-Trent).—"Next year pink beer is to be brewed." To match those rats?

P. N. (Dover).—"The enclosed story is quite true, although you may think I am a dreadful liar." Not at all. We think you are very good at it.

A. B. (Yarmouth).—"When I rang up your number I was answered by a deep, musical voice." That would be our office-boy. He's got a bad cold.

P. M. (Hastings).—"The modern girl does not know how to use a broom." She has other methods of sweeping a man off his feet.

J. S. (Walsall).—"What is the 'line of least resistance?'" The dotted one, when the vacuum-cleaner salesman calls and begins to argue.

T. M. B. (London).—"I know a man who keeps alligators and poisonous snakes in his garden and a trained wolf in the house." He evidently doesn't like those door-to-door canvassers.

W. S. (Dover).—"A Christmas parcel posted at Birmingham in 1918 has just been received at an address in Dover." It was really thoughtful of the postal authorities to see that it arrived in good time for this Christmas.

G. R. T. (Soho).—"I intend to live by my wits." Well, poverty is no crime.

G. M. (Sheffield).—"Winter's dark days are here." Light bills are heavy.

G. A. (Bristol).—"What is the week-end habit?" A raincoat!

Mrs. D. (Carlisle).—"Bridge is a dull, stupid, unsporting game." Been losing lately?

L. C. (Epsom).—"Many a man goes to prison a sick man and comes out a strong one." Time is a great healer.

B. K. (Durham).—"Roast beef has made me what I am." Tell a vegetarian the good news.

Tim B. (Liverpool).—"I buzz about from one hotel to another." Without settling?

Gladys (Salford).—"He says that I am never out of his mind." The point is—is he?

P. L. (Newbury).—"The younger generation will make their elders sit up." Why not give them a latchkey?

P. S. (Teignmouth).—"I made myself what I am to-day." Never mind, we all make mistakes.

E. J. (London, S.W.).—"I want to be in the social swim." You don't have to swim. It's very shallow.

S. W. (Colchester).—"It's quite easy to get on the stage." But not so easy to get on when you are on.

Domestic (Sutton).—"My mistress argued with me a long time on the best way to clean a china ornament." After you dropped the subject?

W. D. (Poole).—"Gramophones can be divided roughly into two classes." We wish the one next door to us could be divided roughly into two pieces.

D. C. (Reading).—"Notices of my performance have appeared all over the country." Did they begin with the word "Wanted"?

J. L. (Edinburgh).—"My daughter thinks there is no man good enough for her. She may be right." And she may be left.

V. H. (Warwick).—"People will soon be getting married over the telephone." We shouldn't be surprised. Plenty of them seem to be engaged.

C. N. A. (Huddersfield).—"A barrister I know has just married a client whom he successfully defended." Some women have absolutely no sense of gratitude.

P. M. (Victoria).—"It is a good plan to start a meal with a drink of warm water." Some restaurants charge for this under the name of soup.

D. M. S. (Birkenhead).—"If a man misses his first opportunity, ought he to have a second?" Well, you've got a second opportunity on page 39 to win £1,500 and a £50 Christmas-box yearly for life. But you haven't a second to lose.

Miss D. (Chingford).—"A chestnut falling from a tree stunned a man." Some of the chestnuts that fall from the lips of our pantomime comedians have the same effect.

A. M. (Chatham).—"A man who was tossed by a bull failed to obtain damages from the farmer." We suppose he just had to remain satisfied with the damages he obtained from the bull.

G. K. (Westerham).—"A competition was held at a bazaar to decide who could remain perfectly still the longest." Bricklayers, jobbing gardeners and errand boys were barred owing to their professional status.

(Many replies unavoidably held over)

SIDE-Slips

Examples of unconscious humour from the current Press are welcomed. Actual cuttings must be sent. 2/6 is paid to the sender of each item published. In the event of the same "Slip" being sent by more than one reader, the award is paid to sender of the first letter opened. Mark envelope "Slips."

THE CLECKHEATON GUARDIAN:—"The method adopted to gain admission by the back door was by giving three TOPS."

THE SOUTHPORT JOURNAL:—"These are matched with a patent leather QUILT in your hat."

NORTHERN DAILY MAIL:—"Wash, SCOLD and chop the parsley."

WEEK-END NOVELS:—"'I love him,' SHE thought to HIMSELF."

WIMBLEDON BORO' NEWS:—"The Coroner entered a verdict of death from NATIONAL causes."

COMPLETE LOVE NOVEL MAGAZINE:—"She dabbed a little powder on her NOISE."

YORKSHIRE TELEGRAPH:—"Defendant was fined £5 for being in possession of a FIREMAN without a certificate."

CHAMPION:—"Full between the eyes he BIT the plucky adversary he so admired."

CAMBUSLANG ADVERTISER:—"He could assure them that it gave him a very real pleasure to be among his FIENDS again."

WEEKLY WELCOME:—"She pressed his hands hard against her BREATH."

BELFAST TELEGRAPH:—"J. C—— was charged at Derry on Saturday with VACANCY."

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53, Western Road, Maidstone, Kent.

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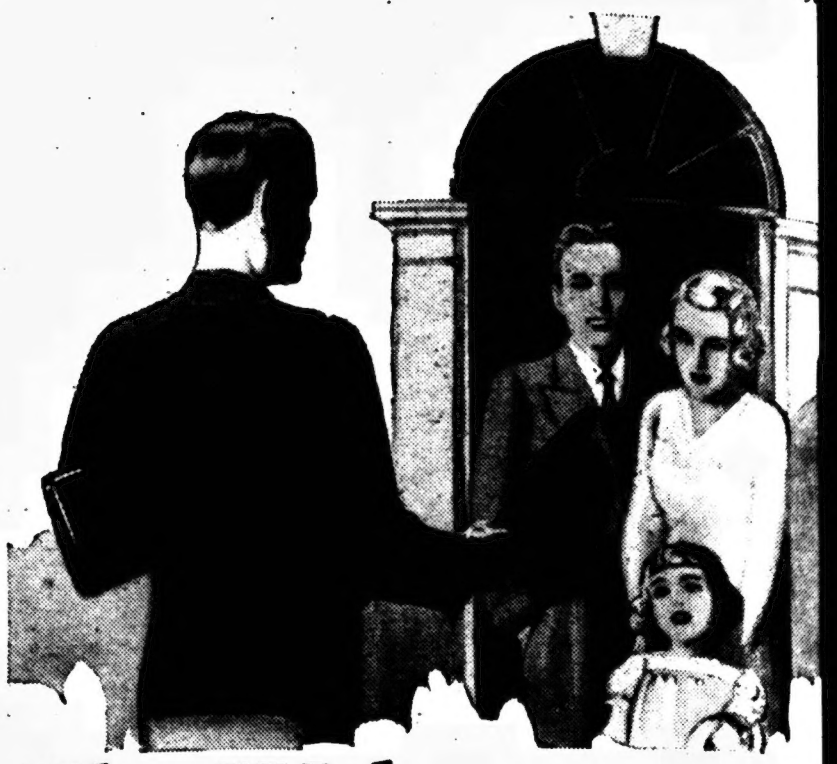

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In addition to other big cash prizes for senders of good *Bullets*, a **£250** Bonus is offered in connection with *Bullets Bulletin*. Send off this evening your reservation for JOHN BULL's free weekly help for would-be winners, and see that your Christmas entry is in by Saturday, December 19. It's now or never—make it *now!*

To make a *Bullet* you have only to add any TWO, THREE or FOUR WORDS of apt and original comment to one of the *Examples* in the next column. As a specimen, suppose you choose the *Example* THE BULLDOG SPIRIT, the added words "GETTING TEETH INTO" WORK would complete a *Bullet*.

Study this week's winners below—their varied styles will help you to fashion a winner of your own.

300 XMAS FEASTS AND MANY CASH PRIZES WON

FIRST PRIZE OF £300, COMPETITION NO. 828

Mrs. L. L. KING, 124, Byron Road, Small Heath, Birmingham.
Example:—REMEMBER, RAMSAY
Bullet:—WATCH "*Per* POUND," TOO!

SECOND PRIZE OF £50:

Mr. W. EDGAR, 75, Landseer Road, Liverpool.
Example—One More
Bullet—"Last Straw"—January's "Harvest."

THIRD PRIZE OF £25:

Mr. W. E. H. JACKSON, "Fern Royd," Queens Avenue, Whitby, Wirral, Ches.
Example—Not Playing The Game
Bullet—Letting Slums "Cheat" Childhood.

10 PRIZES OF £5 EACH:

W. BROUGHTON, 300, Main Road, Darnall. Providing Work—For Frozen, The Snow.

R. BUXTON, 7, High Street, Alfreton, Derbys. To Speed The Plough—"Ears" Must Have "Walls."

J. ERSKINE, 1,025, Argyle Street, Glasgow. Hitting Everybody—Unemployment—Striking Nobody, Cure.

W. HARDING, 1, Leyton Park Road, Leyton, London, E. Hitting Everybody—"Fair," When Britain's "Unsettled."

R. HYETT, Forge Road, Tintern, Nr. Chepstow. Good As Gold—To Pussyfoot, Beer's Penny.

R. ROBSON, Dorset House, Cheltenham. Not Playing The Game—"Nationals" Wearing "Club Colours."

J. McSHANE, 101, Green Lane, Walsall. Man We Can Trust—Daddy—Till Handling Baby. (Entered on "Target" Prize Coupon.)

Mrs. E. SMITH, 16, Church Green, Witney. Sonny's Got A Job, So—"Paints" Future—"Plasters" Hair.

W. WILSON, 22, Havelock Street, South Shields. Remember, Ramsay—Labour's "Skeleton" Represents "Body."

Mrs. M. WYNNE, 21, Kenmont Gardens, London, N.W. One Man's Job—Per Man—Fairest "Dole."

10 PRIZES OF £2 10s. EACH:

H. BANKS, 47, Lodge Avenue, Dagenham. Remember, Ramsay—National Stocking's "Hung Up." (Entered on "Target" Prize Coupon.)

F. BRYANT, "Bassett," Knyveton Road, Bournemouth. Just What She Wanted—Wasn't Clear—Shelves Were!

NURSE FRANCES, 10, Vallance Road, London, N. Ideal House—Maids Stay—Clocks Go.

H. HARWOOD, 47, Crowley Crescent, Waddon, Surrey. One More—Makes Us More One.

T. JAMES, Lindisfarne, North Road, Aberystwyth. Hitting Everybody—Mother's Darling—Excuse, "Tired."

C. KAVANAGH, 4, Wood Avenue, Wednesfield. Out To Help—Kiddies Buy Dad Whiskers!

C. KERNSLEY, 424, St. Albans Road, Watford. Whenever I Can—Make Myself Heard—Misunderstood!

L. RUDD, 31, Philadelphia Lane, Norwich. Soft Answer—To Airman's Prayer—Haystack.

J. TULLY, 55, Benhill Avenue, Sutton, Surrey. Sign Of Prosperity—No "Sign Of Father." (Entered on "Target" Prize Coupon.)

E. WARD, 10, Arran Avenue, Sale, Ches. Just What She Wanted—Puzzling—Till Shoplifter Left.

A list of 200 Hamper and 600 Xmas Cake winners can be seen at these offices.

ALL WINNERS HAVE BEEN NOTIFIED.

The original cheque for £300 awarded to the First Prize-winner in Competition No. 827 will be displayed at Messrs. W. H. Smith & Son's Bookstall, Sidmouth Station.

NEWSAGENTS' PRIZES.—Cheques for £10, £3 and £2 respectively will be paid to the Newsagents from whom the winners of the three chief prizes in "Bullets No. 831" recently purchased "John Bull."

If you wish to enter more than eight "Bullets" you can write them on plain paper.

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HAPPY NEW YEAR
THE BULLDOG SPIRIT
IN WESTMINSTER'S TALKIE
JOB FOR THE LEAGUE
A THOUSAND PITIES
TO HELP THE POOR
BOGEY MAN
PROBABLY
FLOWER OF WOMANHOOD
CHEAP ENTERTAINMENT
YOUTH'S OPPORTUNITY
A BAD TIME
HORN OF PLENTY
CRUEL FATE

STORY OF HER LIFE
CHEQUERED CAREER
FOR THE DEFENCE
SENDS ME TO SLEEP
CRACK OF DOOM
MAKES HIM HAPPY
NURSING
SHE LOOKED SWEET, BUT
NOT MAKING MUCH
BEYOND
ALL I'VE GOT
LIFE IS HARD WHEN
PUZZLES EVERYBODY

WORKING TOGETHER
GENERAL OPINION
RUNNING NO RISKS
WELL WORTH WHILE
BREATHLESSLY
ANGRY SEA
LATER
DID THE TRICK
WITHOUT ASSISTANCE
HINT FOR THE FUTURE
ANXIOUS MOMENT
BOY WITH BRAINS
WHEN FATHER'S PRESENT

Example_____
Bullet_____
Example_____
Bullet_____
(831) P.O. No._____
Closing SAT. Dec. 19
I agree to enter in accordance with the rules announced on this page. With 1 Coupon send P.O. for 6d.
Signed_____
Address_____

Example_____
Bullet_____
Example_____
Bullet_____
(831) P.O No._____
Closing SAT. Dec. 19
I agree to enter in accordance with the rules announced on this page. With 2 Coupons, send P.O. for 1s.
Signed_____
Address_____

Example_____
Bullet_____
Example_____
Bullet_____
(831) P.O. No._____
Closing SAT. Dec. 19
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Signed_____
Address_____

Example_____
Bullet_____
Example_____
Bullet_____
(831) P.O. No._____
Closing SAT. Dec. 19
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Address_____

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NAME .....

ADDRESS.....

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All British

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NAME.....

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